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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION OCTOBER 22, 2013,**
2 **READ-IN BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ON PAGE 140]**

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO OUR
7 REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE
9 FACT WE DO HAVE AN ESTABLISHED QUORUM. SERGEANT AT ARMS TODAY
10 IS GARY HOUSTON. EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS SACHI HAMAI. OUR COUNTY
11 COUNSEL TODAY IS RICK WEISS AND OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS
12 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, OUR MORNING
13 INVOCATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE REVEREND MELISSA MACKINNON
14 FROM THE SANTA CLARITA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT THE
15 INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. OUR PLEDGE VETERAN IS
16 STEVEN D. KUYKENDALL, PRESIDENT, C.E.O. OF FISHER HOUSE OF
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AT THE
18 INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR DON KNABE. IF YOU WOULD RISE AT THIS
19 POINT FOR OUR MORNING'S INVOCATION.

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21 **REV. MELISSA MACKINNON:** LET US PRAY. CREATOR GOD, HEAR OUR
22 INTERCESSION FOR OUR COUNTY. GRANT YOUR GRACE AND PEACE TO ALL
23 PEOPLE WHO MAKE THEIR HOME IN THIS BEAUTIFUL, DIVERSE
24 LANDSCAPE. OUR TERRAIN IS AS DIVERSE AS OUR BROTHERS AND
25 SISTERS. AS IN NATURE, IT IS THE CONTRAST AND DIFFERENCE THAT



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1 WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE BEAUTY AND HARMONY. CONTINUE TO CREATE
2 THE SPIRIT OF BEAUTY AND HARMONY IN OUR WORKING AND LIVING
3 THAT WE WOULD DEPART FROM EVERYTHING THAT ESTRANGES AND
4 DIVIDES. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO LABOR LONG AND HARD TO
5 BUILD AND MAINTAIN SPACES, COMMUNITIES, LEARNING INSTITUTIONS
6 AND PLACES OF RECREATION THAT BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND ENRICH
7 OUR LIVES. CORPORATELY AND INDIVIDUALLY WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR
8 POLITICAL LEADERS, FOR OUR SUPERVISORS AND THEIR WORK. GRANT
9 THOSE WHO LABOR IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS WISDOM, INSIGHT AND
10 COMPASSION. MAY ALL THAT IS DISCUSSED AND DISCERNED IN THIS
11 MEETING BECOME A BLESSING FOR ALL PEOPLE. AMEN.

12
13 **STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL:** FOR ALL THE VETERANS IN THE HOUSE,
14 CONGRESS ALLOWED YOU TO USE THE HAND SALUTE IF YOU CHOOSE TO
15 I'M GOING TO DO THAT. BUT FOR THE OTHERS, BY ALL MEANS PUT
16 YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND BEGIN WITH ME. [PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO
22 INTRODUCE ONCE AGAIN REVEREND MELISSA MACKINNON WHO WAS
23 APPOINTED AS A LEAD PASTOR OF THE SANTA CLARITA UNITED
24 METHODIST CHURCH IN 2010. SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN GLENDALE,
25 GRADUATING FROM HERBERT HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL, GRADUATE WITH HER



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1 MASTER'S OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY IN NORTH
2 CAROLINA. ORDAINED A DEACON IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE
3 IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN 1999. SHE IS MARRIED WITH
4 TWO SONS AND THEY ARE INVOLVED IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY
5 BASEBALL AND COLLEGE BASKETBALL. AND BEYOND THE CHURCH, SHE'S
6 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH MANY
7 SPIRITUAL RETREATS. SO, REVEREND, GOOD TO SEE YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
8 I PRESIDED OVER A COMMUNITY FORUM LAST NIGHT AT THE CITY HALL
9 ON SANITATION DISTRICT, WHICH I SHARE WITH MY COLLEAGUE,
10 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND SO WE HAD A THREE-HOUR
11 PUBLIC HEARING ON CHLORITES. SO SHE WAS THERE AND WAS HERE
12 BRIGHT AND EARLY TO LEAD US IN PRAYER, SO THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN.
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THE PRAYER IS MUCH MORE UPLIFTING THAN THE
18 SANITATION DISTRICT, LET'S PUT IT THAT WAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOT THAT RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME AND THANK A LONG TIME
24 FRIEND MR. STEVE KUYKENDALL. WHILE HE LIVES IN LONG BEACH,
25 MANY OF US KNOW HIM, I GO BACK TO HIS CITY COUNCIL DAYS IN



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1 RANCHO PALOS VERDES BUT HIS DAYS IN CONGRESS AS WELL AS A
2 MEMBER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY. HE'S CURRENTLY PRESIDENT AND
3 C.E.O. OF THE FISHER HOUSE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS AN
4 INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING U.S.
5 MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH HOUSING. HE SERVED IN
6 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1966 TO 1973. AS A CAPTAIN
7 IN THE FIRST AIR NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON COMPANY IN VIETNAM. HE
8 IS MARRIED TO A WONDERFUL WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. HE'S LIVED
9 IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 38 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
10 BOARD AND ALL OF YOU, WE THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA,
11 HIS ONGOING COMPASSION FOR OUR MILITARY VETERANS AND ACTIVE
12 DUTY PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES AND JUST SAY THANKS FOR YOUR
13 FRIENDSHIP, BROTHER STEVE. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK BOTH THE MORNING'S
16 INVOCATOR AND THE PLEDGE VETERAN. WE THANK BOTH SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE INVITATION TO BOTH OF
18 THEM. GOOD MORNING, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD
19 PROCEED WITH TODAY'S AGENDA.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR.
22 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA
23 ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 AND 2, WE WILL HOLD FOR
24 THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 3
25 THROUGH 6, ON ITEM NO. 4, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL



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1 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
2 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. NO. 4. ON ITEM NO. 5, THERE'S A
3 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE
4 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
7 MOLINA MOVES AND SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. SEEING NO
8 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
11 7 THROUGH 14, ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8,
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
14 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
15 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR
16 YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR TWO
17 WEEKS. ON ITEM NO. 12, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA,
18 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
19 TO OCTOBER 29, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST
20 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY? YEAH.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 10 IS BEING CONTINUED BY
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR TWO WEEKS. DO YOU WANT TO PUT THAT
3 ON THE TABLE FOR NOW?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PERHAPS, YES. ALL RIGHT.
6 PROCEED.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** HOLD IT? THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
9 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. PLEASE RECORD A
13 UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE ITEMS BEFORE US.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 11, DISCUSSION ITEMS,
16 ITEMS 15 AND 16, ON ITEM NO. 15, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
18 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 5, 2013. AND ALSO
19 ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
20 HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
21 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 29, 2013.
22 AGAIN, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
23 THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 12, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
24 WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
25 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 17-A,



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1 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
2 TO OCTOBER 29, 2013. ON PAGE 15, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON
3 ITEM NO. CS-1, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
5 OCTOBER 29, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST
6 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT, CS-1. ON CS-2, AS
7 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ALSO
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 29,
9 2013. AGAIN, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
10 HOLD THE ITEM. ON ITEM NO. CS-8, AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
12 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 29, 2013. AND THAT
13 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
14 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 WE DO HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST AND A PRESENTATION FOR OUR
18 EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEES. WE BEGIN WITH OUR SPECIAL GUEST FROM THE
19 UNITED KINGDOM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I CAUSE YOU TO GIVE
20 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AS WE WELCOME THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER
21 O'CONNOR, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HERE IN LOS
22 ANGELES. HE ARRIVED HERE AFTER SERVING FOR FIVE YEARS AS
23 AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO TUNISIA. HE JOINED THE
24 COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1993. SINCE THEN, HE HAS ALSO
25 BEEN POSTED IN EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, AS WELL



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1 AS LEBANON. HE'S ALSO WORKED AT THE U.K. DELEGATION TO
2 N.A.T.O. WHEN THE CONSUL GENERAL CAN FIND A TIME FROM HIS
3 DUTIES REPRESENTING THE UNITED KINGDOM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,
4 NEVADA, ARIZONA, HAWAII, UTAH, GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA, HE
5 LIKES TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF BOTH HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO
6 DAUGHTERS. IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
7 MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY THAT I'M PLEASED
8 TO WELCOME YOU, SIR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH
9 YOU AS YOU LEAD IN THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN
10 CONTINUING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VITAL RELATIONSHIP WE SHARE
11 WITH THE U.K. WE EXTEND OUR VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOU.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **HON. CHRISTOPHER O'CONNOR:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY WARM WELCOME. THANK YOU
16 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND TO SEE THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS IN OPERATION. IT'S A REAL HONOR TO DO SO, AND I
18 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AS WE LOOK
19 FOR AND DEVELOP THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVER MORE ECONOMIC
20 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.K. AND LOS ANGELES. THE RELATIONSHIP
21 BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND THIS COUNTY IS ALREADY INCREDIBLY
22 STRONG. THE SCALE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP IT EVEN
23 FURTHER IS ALSO ENORMOUS. SO IT'S WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM THAT I
24 ARRIVE HERE AND I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL
25 OF YOU AS WE TAKE FORWARD, IDENTIFY AND BUILD ON NEW ECONOMIC



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1 PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THIS COUNTY AND MY COUNTRY. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF
5 APPLAUSE FOR OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.
6 [APPLAUSE.] WELL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AS
7 WITH ANY WELL-RUN ENTITY, ORGANIZATION OR BUSINESS, VALUES
8 INNOVATION. AND DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO
9 THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX AND COME UP WITH WAYS TO ENHANCE
10 EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF
11 COUNTY SERVICES THROUGH COST SAVINGS AND REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS.
12 SO TODAY THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, IN
13 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE OFFICE OF
14 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, RECOGNIZE THE TOP 10 PROJECTS
15 THAT WERE RECENTLY HONORED AT THE 27TH PRODUCTIVITY AND
16 EQUALITY AWARDS LUNCHEON. AND THESE CUTTING-EDGE PROJECTS
17 REPRESENT NEARLY \$133 MILLION THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COUNTY ON
18 AN ANNUAL BASIS. JOINING ME FOR THE PRESENTATION THIS MORNING
19 WILL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS WELL AS THE CHAIR OF
20 THE COMMISSION, BOTH WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND ED MCINTIRE
21 RESPECTIVELY. SO FIRST TO BE RECOGNIZED WILL BE THE RECIPIENTS
22 OF THE COMMISSION'S CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD. AND I'D LIKE TO
23 ASK THEM, COMMISSIONER MCINTIRE TO INTRODUCE THIS SPECIAL
24 AWARDEE AND SHARE BRIEF REMARKS. COMMISSIONER?

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1 **COMMISSIONER ED MCINTIRE:** BILL FUJIOKA IS GOING TO JOIN ME
2 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THIS AWARD. EACH YEAR THE QUALITY AND
3 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZES A COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD
4 WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP. OUR RECIPIENT
5 THIS YEAR HAS LED BY EXAMPLE, HAS EMBRACED NEW TECHNOLOGIES,
6 PROMOTES COLLABORATION AND STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE. THIS
7 INDIVIDUAL LED A MAJOR CULTURAL CHANGE WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT,
8 EMBEDDING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONS. HE IS
9 SPEARHEADING AN UNPRECEDENTED PROJECT THAT WILL DEVELOP A
10 STATE-OF-THE-ART VOTING SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE. HE ALSO HAS
11 EXTENSIVELY USED SIX SIGMA PROCESSES TO IMPROVE THE OPERATIONS
12 WITHIN HIS DEPARTMENT. THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2013 QUALITY AND
13 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION CHAIR LEADERSHIP AWARD IS DEAN LOGAN,
14 REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **DEAN LOGAN:** WELL GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST
17 WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK THE PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY
18 COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND C.E.O. BILL FUJIOKA.
19 IT IS AN HONOR TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION, BUT IT'S MORE
20 IMPORTANTLY, IT'S GREAT TO WORK IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE
21 INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION AND RISK TAKING ARE BOTH
22 ENCOURAGED AND EXPECTED. AND THAT'S BEEN THE CASE SINCE I'VE
23 ARRIVED IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT'S GREAT TO HAVE THIS
24 RECOGNITION. I SHARE THIS WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT IS THE
25 REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK, THAT'S WHERE THE WORK GETS



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1 DONE. AND IT'S FOR THEM THAT I ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SEVERAL
5 OTHERS THAT WE WISH TO RECOGNIZE AT THIS TIME. LET ME THEN
6 CALL THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DEPARTMENT FORWARD. AND THEY
7 ARE HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING RECOGNIZED FOR REDUCING CANINE
8 EUTHANASIA THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
9 APPLAUSE, WILL YOU? [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
10 OFFICE IS RECOGNIZED FOR DIGITAL AND REPORT EDUCATING
11 RESIDENTS ONLINE. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
12 C.E.O. [APPLAUSE.] WE THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
13 SERVICES IS RECOGNIZED FOR REDUCTION OF HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED
14 WITH INFECTIONS. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HEALTH SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE'LL TAKE THOSE OF LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
17 PROBATION AND SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER OF TOLERANCE. THEY ARE
18 RECOGNIZED FOR STOPPING HATE AND DELINQUENCY BY EMPOWERING
19 STUDENTS. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
20 RIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, LADIES AND
21 GENTLEMEN, GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THEY ARE BEING
22 RECOGNIZED AS FORCES OF NATURE. BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. FORCES
23 OF NATURE. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STAGE LEFT,
24 PLEASE. PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH MENTAL HEALTH, PARKS AND
25 RECREATION AND PROBATION ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR



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1 DISTINGUISHED WORK AS PARENTS AS PARTNERS: GROWING STRONGER
2 FAMILIES. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE WHOLE-- BIG ROUND OF
3 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] YEAH. SHIFT TO YOUR RIGHT A LITTLE BIT,
4 YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. STAGE LEFT. FOR NOW WE'RE
5 GOING TO RECOGNIZE SUSTAINABLE PAVEMENT TREATMENT FOR COUNTY
6 ROADS. WHO WOULD THAT BE OTHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 WORKS? BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT.
8 NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THE TOP THREE PRODUCTIVITY
9 AND QUALITY HONOREES, THE EAGLE AWARDS. THIS YEAR, THE BRONZE
10 EAGLE AWARD WINNER IS THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
11 AFFAIRS WITH MENTAL HEALTH WHO ARE RECOGNIZED FOR PREVENTION
12 AND EARLY INTERVENTION VETERAN SYSTEM NAVIGATOR. BIG ROUND OF
13 APPLAUSE FOR THEM. [APPLAUSE] BIG, BIG JOB. VERY IMPORTANT.
14 SOMEBODY'S HAVING A GOOD TIME OUT THERE. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH. AND THEN THAT'S THE BRONZE AWARD. NOW FOR THE
16 SILVER EAGLE AWARD WINNER THAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
17 AFFAIRS WITH INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. GIVE THEM A BIG
18 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THEY RECEIVED THE SILVER EAGLE
19 AWARD FOR E-COMPLAINTS, ONLINE INTAKE AND CASE MANAGEMENT. ALL
20 RIGHT? LET ME TAKE MY EXIT. ALL RIGHT FACE THE CAMERA. MR.
21 DEAN, IF YOU COULD SCOOT OVER. MIKE? GIVE THOSE DEPARTMENTS A
22 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE SILVER EAGLE AWARD. [APPLAUSE.]
23 GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB. GOOD JOB, GOOD JOB. ALL RIGHT. ARE YOU
24 READY FOR THE GOLD EAGLE AWARD? ALL RIGHT. THE GOLD EAGLE
25 AWARD WINNER THIS YEAR IS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHO



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1 IS RECOGNIZED FOR E-CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND COUNTER BILLING
2 SYSTEM. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE GOLDEN EAGLE
3 AWARD. DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. [APPLAUSE] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
4 JONATHAN FIELDING WAS INSTRUCTED TO KEEP HIS DAY JOB BECAUSE
5 HE BEGAN SINGING "FLY LIKE AN EAGLE TO THE SEA, FLY LIKE AN
6 EAGLE" ALL RIGHT, DR. FIELDING, ENOUGH OF THAT. GIVE THEM ALL
7 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU, THESE EXCEPTIONAL COUNTY
8 EMPLOYEES FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE IN SAVING THE COUNTY
9 MONEY, \$133 MILLION IN SAVINGS. I THINK THAT DESERVES ANOTHER
10 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WE'LL PROCEED NOW TO THE
11 BALANCE OF THE PRESENTATION, AND SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA IS
12 FIRST AND SHE HAS A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO MAKE. PLEASE
13 GIVE HER YOUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS MORNING, IT'S MY HONOR TO PROVIDE A WELCOME
16 TO THE NEW LOS ANGELES DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE U.S. ARMY
17 CORPS OF ENGINEERS, COLONEL KIMBERLY M. COLLOTON. [APPLAUSE.]
18 JOINING HER, AS WELL, IS WE HAVE ENGINEER DAVID VAN DORP, COME
19 ON UP AND JOIN US, AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
20 WORKS, GAIL FARBER AND OUR ACTING DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND
21 HARBORS DEPARTMENT AS WELL. THEY'VE COME UP. THEY'RE RIGHT
22 BEHIND ME. AND YOU HAVE YOUR HEAD OF ENGINEERING. COME ON UP.
23 WELL, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME THE COLONEL HERE. WE HAD A
24 SMALL RECEPTION FOR HER THIS MORNING. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU.
25 SHE HAS TAKEN AN UNBELIEVABLE JOB THAT SHE'S BEEN IN SINCE



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1 JULY. SHE HAS THE OVERSIGHT TODAY OF 844 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN
2 PERSONNEL OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
3 ARIZONA, NEVADA AND UTAH, WHICH IS TRULY AN IMPRESSIVE
4 RESPONSIBILITY. BUT SHE ALSO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARMY AIR
5 FORCE INSTALLATIONS THAT SHE MANAGES, AS WELL, ALONG WITH
6 INTERAGENCY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS AND OUR NATION'S CIVIL
7 WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST. SO
8 SHE REALLY HAS A TOUGH TASK TO CARRY OUT. BUT SHE CERTAINLY IS
9 PREPARED FOR THE JOB. BEFORE JOINING US, SHE HAS GRADUATED
10 FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY. SHE WAS A RAND CENTER FELLOW AND SHE
11 IS HIGHLY DECORATED IN VARIOUS MILITARY HONORS INCLUDING THE
12 BRONZE STAR MEDAL, A KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A GLOBAL
13 WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY AND SUPPORT MEDALS AS WELL AS
14 AN IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND A SENIOR PARACHUTIST BADGE, AMONG
15 MANY OF THE HONORS THAT SHE HOLDS. COLONEL COLLETON TODAY
16 SHARED WITH US THAT SHE HAS A TOUGH TASK BECAUSE THERE'S SO
17 MANY OF US THAT HAVE CONTINUED TO BE VERY INVOLVED IN ALL OF
18 THE ISSUES ALONG THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
19 HAS PARTNERED WITH ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY, AND WE'RE SO
20 IMPRESSED WITH THE KIND OF WORK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE
21 DOING, HOPEFULLY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF US TO FIND THOSE
22 OPPORTUNITIES AND TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES OF TRYING TO
23 GREEN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER AS WELL AS DEAL WITH ALL OF OUR
24 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR
25 SAFETY HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN. WE INTRODUCED HER TO



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1 MANY OF THE NONPROFITS THAT SHE WILL BE WORKING WITH ALONG THE
2 WAY. MANY OF US WHO HAVE A VISION AND HOPEFULLY OF GREENING
3 MORE OF OUR L.A. RIVER THAT WILL WORK IN CONCERT WITH HER AND
4 HOPEFULLY ASSIST HER ALONG THE WAY AS SHE MEETS MANY OF ITS
5 CHALLENGES. SO WE WANT TO PROVIDE A RESOLUTION WELCOMING YOU
6 SIGNED BY ALL FIVE BOARD MEMBERS. WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE A
7 TOUGH JOB, BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS YOU
8 CARRY OUT THIS GREAT WORK. CONGRATULATIONS, COLONEL.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **COL. KIMBERLY COLLETON:** YES I DO HAVE A FEW WORDS, THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE ARMY CORPS OF
13 ENGINEERS IN THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, I WOULD DEFINITELY LIKE
14 TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN AND THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY FOR THIS
16 PRESENTATION. I'M HERE TODAY, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA MENTIONED,
17 WITH MY DEPUTY, MR. VAN DORP AND CHIEF OF ENGINEERING, RICK
18 LIFIELD, AND OUR CLOSE PARTNERS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
19 WORKS AND BEACHES AND HARBORS AND I AM HONORED TO BE HERE TO
20 SERVE THE NATION IN THIS CAPACITY AND THAT I'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED
21 WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT IT ENTAILS. HOW COULD I NOT BE?
22 THIS IS TRULY ONE OF THOSE GET-TO JOBS. I DON'T HAVE TO DO
23 THIS. IT'S NOT A MUST-DO JOB. IT'S I GET TO BE HERE IN LOS
24 ANGELES AND WORK ON INCREDIBLE PROJECTS LIKE SUPERVISOR MOLINA
25 MENTIONED, PROJECTS THAT ARE COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING. AND



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1 BECAUSE OF THE HIGHLY URBANIZED ENVIRONMENT AND THE
2 SOUTHWESTERN CLIMATE REALLY REQUIRE INVASIVE SOLUTIONS. THE
3 ARMY CORPS'S BUMPER STICKER IS BUILDING STRONG. BUT WE DO
4 NOTHING ALONE. WE'RE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY BY THE PRESIDENT
5 AND CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT YOURS AND MY AND OUR COMMUNITY'S
6 TAX DOLLARS GET PUT TO THE BEST AND HIGHEST USE. AND ALMOST
7 ALL OF OUR WORK REQUIRES A NONFEDERAL PARTNER AND PARTNERS TO
8 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OWNING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING.
9 I'M PROUD OF THE HISTORY AND THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT WE HAVE
10 WORKING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THAT TOGETHER AS
11 PUBLIC SERVANTS WE ENSURE OUR PROJECTS POSITIVELY PROTECT AND
12 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE'S LIVES, HOMES, RECREATION AND
13 COMMUNITIES. MAINTAINING OUR FLOOD RISK REDUCTION
14 INFRASTRUCTURE, PROTECTING OUR WETLANDS AND THE COAST, AND
15 FINDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ARE ONLY A
16 FEW OF THE MANY THINGS WE CAN DO THAT HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT.
17 I LOOK FORWARD TO MY THREE-YEAR ASSIGNMENT HERE. I LOOK
18 FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH YOU ABOUT ANY OF YOUR CONCERNS OR
19 THAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS MAY HAVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING
20 WITH THE COUNTY AND CONTINUING THE GREAT RELATIONSHIP THAT WE
21 HAVE HAD FOR SO MANY YEARS. SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS
22 PRESENTATION AND FOR THE WARM RECEPTION THIS MORNING. I
23 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF
2 APPLAUSE TO OUR NEW LEADER IN THE AREA OF-- WE'LL NOW HEAR
3 FROM SUPERVISOR DON KNABE FOR HIS PRESENTATION. SUPERVISOR?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WELCOME, COLONEL,
6 NICE TO HAVE YOU THIS MORNING. I'LL LIKE TO CALL UP BARBARA
7 CLARK WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARKS LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND
8 JOINING HER ARE PAULETTE ABBOTT, STUDENT COUNCIL AND
9 LEADERSHIP CLUB ADVISER AS WELL AS MARK MARIUS, PASTOR OF ST.
10 MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. ST. MARK'S IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN
11 HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1963 TO SERVE STUDENTS
12 IN GRADES K-8. THIS YEAR, ST. MARK'S IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH
13 ANNIVERSARY IN EDUCATION. THEY PROVIDE A VERY STRONG
14 STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM FOR GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 8. AS A
15 COMMUNITY OF LIFE-LONG LEARNERS, ST. MARK'S HOLDS HIGH
16 EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL OF ITS STUDENTS, AND WHEN I SAY THAT,
17 BEFORE I FINISH, STUDENTS ARE SITTING OUT HERE, HUH? LET'S
18 GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND WARM WELCOME. WELCOME, ST. MARK'S.
19 [APPLAUSE.] I THINK HE'S A BIGGER STUDENT. [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY.
20 IT HAS A VERY DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION, AND ITS FACULTY
21 EXEMPLIFIES AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT INTEGRATES
22 CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN A SAFE, NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. ITS
23 GREAT ACADEMICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAM RANGE FROM THE
24 STATE OF THE ART SCIENCE LAB TO FOREIGN LANGUAGE, A VARIETY OF
25 SPORTING AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS FINE ARTS, A PODCAST,



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1 STUDENT COUNCIL AND MANY MORE. IN 2005 THE SCHOOL RECEIVED THE
2 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD FOR ITS ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
3 OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS, ST. MARK'S HAS CONTINUOUSLY STRIVED TO
4 IMPROVE AND ENHANCE SCHOOL FACILITIES AND CURRICULUM TO
5 PREPARE THE STUDENTS WITH AN EXTENSIVE BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE TO
6 ENSURE SUCCESS IN EDUCATION BUT ALSO IN THEIR PUBLIC LIVES. SO
7 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD, WE'RE
8 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO BARBARA AND TO PASTOR AND
9 EVERYONE TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS, HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **BARBARA CLARK:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING
14 TO ME TO HAVE YOU HAVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE COME HERE, OUR STUDENT
15 LEADERSHIP GROUP, AND FOR THEM TO GET A CHANCE TO SEE HOW
16 GOVERNMENT WORKS WHEN GOVERNMENT WORKS AT ITS BEST. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
20 KNABE, AND THANK YOU TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL.

21 [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE, FOR YOUR
22 PRESENTATION.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE COCOA. THIS IS LITTLE COCOA.
25 SHE'S ONE YEAR OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME. SHE'S A LITTLE MINI



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1 POODLE. AND YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610 OR ANYBODY IN THE
2 AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE COCOA. AS I SAID, SHE'S A
3 MINI POODLE, 12 MONTHS OLD, AND SHE LOVES THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 ANIMAL CONTROL. SHE SAID THEY TOOK VERY GOOD CARE OF HER WHILE
5 THEY WERE WAITING FOR A HOME FOR HER. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO
6 ADOPT HER?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THAT CONCLUDES YOUR PRESENTATIONS FOR
10 THE DAY, SIR? IT DOES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
12 ON THE ITEMS THAT THEY LISTED WHEN COMPLETING THE REQUEST TO
13 SPEAK. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, AND
14 JOSEPH MAIZLISH. GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, IT IS
15 YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. AND THEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
16 LET ME INDICATE THAT WE ARE GOING TO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GO
17 TO ITEM NO. 8. AND FOLLOWING ITEM NO. 8, WE WILL RECESS FOR
18 CLOSED SESSION AND CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL. THANK
19 YOU. PROCEED. YOU MAY BEGIN

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I CAN'T WAIT. TWO MINUTES.
22 DIDN'T WE HAVE THREE MINUTES GIVEN THAT THEY'RE GOING INTO THE
23 BACK ROOM? OH MY GOSH. SIR, THAT IS REALLY INAPPROPRIATE.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS CLICKING.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** NUMEROUS ITEMS. WELL, I REALIZE THAT, BUT--

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** KEEP TALKING.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO SHINE LIGHT ON THIS
7 PRACTICE THAT IS INAPPROPRIATE. OKAY, WELL THERE YOU GO. ITEM
8 NO. 8, WHICH YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A CLOSED SESSION MEETING
9 ON, OR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A REPORT? I WANTED TO HEAR THE
10 REPORT ON ITEM 8. PERHAPS I'LL COME BACK AFTER ITEM 8 FOR ONE
11 MORE MINUTE. ANYWAY, TODAY'S AGENDA IS FAIRLY LIGHT, BUT THE
12 ISSUE OF THE JAILS IS FRONT AND CENTER. C.E.O. FUJIOKA AND
13 ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD ARE ONCE AGAIN DANGLING THE \$100
14 MILLION STATE CREDIT TOWARD THE EXPANSION INTO THE MIRA LOMA
15 FACILITY INSTEAD OF THE PITCHESS FACILITY THAT'S GOING TO SAVE
16 US \$100 MILLION APPARENTLY AND IT'S GOING TO IMPROVE THE
17 CONDITION OF THE WOMEN CURRENTLY IN C.D.C. R., WHATEVER IT'S
18 CALLED. NONETHELESS, THIS IS NOT THE AUSTIN REPORT, AND THIS
19 IS UNFORTUNATELY AN EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAMS. LANCASTER'S 75
20 MILES AWAY. SO WOMEN LIVING IN A CAMPUS SETTING 75 MILES AWAY
21 ARE GOING TO HAVE SOME TRANSPORTATION COSTS. SO SOME OF THAT
22 MONEY IS NOT ACCURATE. AND I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE THIS BOARD
23 TO THINK ABOUT A PARADIGM SHIFT AND THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN PUT
24 SOME OF THAT MONEY INTO THE NOT CORRUPT PORTION OF THE MENTAL
25 HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE FOR REHABILITATION FOR THAT



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1 POPULATION. THERE IS AN ITEM TODAY ON THE AGENDA HAVING TO DO
2 WITH-- THERE'S SEVERAL ITEMS HAVING TO DO WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE
3 IN THE COUNTY JAILS. AND WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTING RECORDS ABOUT
4 THE WAY WE FIGHT OUR LEGAL BATTLES REGARDING THAT BECAUSE
5 QUITE FRANKLY, AS GLORIA MOLINA SAID A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE HAVE
6 SPENT \$37 MILLION FIGHTING SHERIFF LAWSUITS THIS YEAR, AND
7 WE'RE GOING TO SPEND MORE IN THE NEXT YEAR. I WAS SPEAKING TO
8 THE C.E.O.'S RISK MANAGER TO SEE IF THOSE NUMBERS ARE COMING
9 FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST GIVE ME 10 SECONDS BACK? YES? THANK YOU. SO
15 IN CONCLUSION, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE JOB ORDER
16 CONTRACTING ITEM, WHICH TODAY IS ITEM-- I BELIEVE IT'S ITEM
17 NO. ... 10, ITEM NO. 10, PARKS AND REC HAS A JOB ORDER
18 CONTRACT. YOU KNOW, JOB ORDER CONTRACTING, AS I'VE TRIED TO
19 RAISE, IS A 2 PERCENT FEE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE FIRM. AND THEN
20 THE SYSTEM ALLOWS US TO CONTROL THE COSTS. FOR THIS PARTICULAR
21 PROGRAM, WE'RE GOING TO BE SPENDING \$1200 ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT.
22 THIS IS IN YOUR DISTRICT, SIR, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN. WE ARE
23 ALSO GOING TO BE SPENDING \$40,000 WITH THAT FIRM IN SOUTH
24 CAROLINA. I THINK IT'S A MISTAKE. I THINK THAT THE C.E.O.
25 NEEDS TO COME FORWARD WITH A REASONABLE SORT OF CHART OF THE



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1 WAY WE'RE DOING JOB ORDER CONTRACTS ACROSS THE COUNTY
2 DEPARTMENTS. AND LAST WEEK I SUGGESTED OVERSIGHT ACROSS COUNTY
3 DEPARTMENTS, AND YOU SAID "WELL THAT, SIR, IS THE ROLE OF THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS." WELL, I WOULD ASK THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO HEAR THEIR CONSTITUENTS AND RAISE THAT RED FLAG
6 AND ASK THE C.E.O. TO BRING THAT FORWARD AS HIS EARLIEST
7 CONVENIENCE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SERGEANT? YOU MAY PROCEED.

11

12 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD AND OTHER
13 DEPARTMENT PEOPLE. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH AND TODAY I'M NOT
14 ONLY SPEAKING AS AN INDIVIDUAL BUT IN PLACE OF MISS ZUNIGA OF
15 C.U.R.B. STATEWIDE STAFF. A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO I SPOKE AT A
16 CHURCH IN STOCKER-CRENSHAW AREA AND WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT THE
17 BOARD AND THE C.E.O. HAD SELECTED A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
18 ORGANIZATION TO COME UP WITH JAIL POPULATION PROJECTIONS, THEY
19 LAUGHED. I DON'T LIKE THAT. YOU FOLKS ARE AS INTELLIGENT AS
20 ANYBODY IN THE COUNTY AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANTS. WHAT HAS
21 HAPPENED? I THINK MR. KNABE GAVE US THE ANSWER TO THAT IN THE
22 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR D.C.F.S. WHEN
23 YOU SAID THAT WHEN SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENS TO A CHILD,
24 MEDIA AND SOME OF THE PUBLIC GET AROUSED, BUT THAT IS NOT A
25 REASON FOR US TO QUIT THINKING THINGS THROUGH. AND THAT'S WHAT



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1 WE NEED FOR THE JAILS ISSUE. AND I THINK THAT DISTRACTION IS
2 WHAT CAUSES YOU FOLKS TO ASK FOR MONEY THAT YOU CAN'T
3 DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR. AS A MATTER OF FACT, SCIENCE AND
4 EXPERT REPORTS DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE ISN'T THE NEED FOR IT.
5 WOMEN, BY THE WAY, EVEN IF THE SIMPLE MEASURE OF CHANGING BAIL
6 TO BE BASED ON ASSESSMENT OF DANGER TO THE PUBLIC AND FLIGHT
7 RISK INSTEAD OF MONEY BAIL WERE USED, THAT WOULD CUT WAY INTO
8 THAT, 50 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE JAIL WHO ARE THERE
9 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T RAISE THE BAIL. AND WOMEN PARTICULARLY
10 CHARGED USUALLY WITH NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. THERE'S AN EXAMPLE
11 OF IT. FUNDING FROM THE STATE IS NOT FREE. IT HARMS THE STATE
12 BUDGETS. THE STATE HAS NOT DONE THE COUNTY WELL IN SUPPLYING
13 THE MONEY NEEDED TO HELP IT IN ITS PRISON CROWDING CRISIS. AND
14 WE OUGHT TO ASK IT FOR THE MONEY THAT WILL HELP US DO THE
15 SERVICES THAT WE NEED AND THAT WE KNOW WORK. I'VE GOT SOME
16 PAPERS, AS USUAL, TO DISTRIBUTE TO YOU FOLKS. AND THIS IS JUST
17 NOT WORTH SEEKING THE MONEY IN THIS WAY. IT IS WORTH
18 DEMANDING, WITH OUR PARTNERSHIP, TOO WITH MANY MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC, TO GET THE FUNDING IN THE RIGHT WAY FOR WHAT WE NEED,
20 BUILD LIVES NOT JAILS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINAL
23 SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
2 I DID. I HELD ACTUALLY THREE ITEMS, WHICH IS QUITE UNIQUE IN
3 AND OF ITSELF. I HELD ITEM NO. 8 ALSO WHICH YOU'RE GOING TO
4 DISCUSS ABOUT THE WOMEN'S DETENTION CENTER BECAUSE YOU HAVE ON
5 YOUR AGENDA CAPITAL PROJECTS. AND SO I'M WONDERING HOW
6 SPENDING OVER \$100 MILLION IS NOT PART OF A CAPITAL PROJECT
7 THAT WOULDN'T BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF S-1. BUT THAT'S JUST ME
8 WONDERING, OR EXCUSE ME S-2. BUT THAT'S JUST ME WONDERING. AND
9 THEN I HELD ITEM NO. 10 OR 9 BECAUSE IT MENTIONS 2011
10 REALIGNMENT A.B.109 FUNDS. \$1 MILLION HERE, \$600,000, 900,000,
11 WHO KNOWS? BUT SO FAR, IN ALL YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU HAVEN'T
12 TALKED ABOUT ANY PROP 30 FUNDING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE
13 WAS AN EDITORIAL IN THE L.A. TIMES OCTOBER 1ST THAT THERE'S
14 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN A.B.109 FUNDS TO BE SPENT, BUT THEY
15 NEVER MENTION PROP 30. AND YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU MET WITH
16 THE GOVERNOR ABOUT, PROP 30 FUNDS, REMEMBER THAT? THAT WAS THE
17 CLOSED SESSION WHERE YOU QUOTE/UNQUOTE VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT
18 BUT YOU SOLD YOUR SOULS FOR MONEY? I MEAN, THEY CLAIM IT WAS
19 LIKE 700-- \$7 BILLION FOR PROP 30 AVERAGE AND YOU'RE GOING TO
20 GET, LIKE, WHAT, 500 MILLION PER SUPERVISOR? AND THEN,
21 FINALLY, I HELD ITEM NO. 5. AND THAT'S "PANCREATIC CANCER
22 AWARENESS MONTH." AND I WANTED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, HOW THEIR CANCER
24 HAS SPREAD TO M.T.A. AND AS OF 10/24, THE PUBLIC WILL BE
25 LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES TO COMMENT ON NON-CONSENT CALENDARS



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1 ON THE M.T.A. CALENDAR BOARD, A 16-YEAR POLICY GOING UP IN
2 SMOKE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** --DOESN'T WANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S A GREAT DEAL. LOOK TO THE CANCER
11 AWARENESS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
14 OFFICER. SERGEANT. SEIZE HIM.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
17 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM NO. 5, NO. 9, NO. 12
18 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK, 15 WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS,
19 AND 16 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE
22 MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO
23 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 11,
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION
3 ON THIS ITEM?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON THIS ITEM, HE WOULD LIKE TO
8 CONTINUE ITEM NO. 11 FOR TWO WEEKS INSTEAD OF ITEM NO. 10. BUT
9 WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 11, A CONTINUANCE FOR TWO WEEKS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 10 WAS BEING HELD, BUT WE'LL TAKE
14 THAT UP IN JUST A MOMENT. SO ITEM NO. 11 IS CONTINUED TWO
15 WEEKS AND THAT'S BY COMMON CONSENT. AND ITEM NO. 10 IS BEFORE
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 10 IS BEFORE
19 US. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. I
20 SEE NO OBJECTIONS. PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ITEM NO.
21 10.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK AS YOU
24 INDICATED EARLIER, WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM NO. 8.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
2 WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM NO. 8, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF
3 THE BOARD, THERE ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THAT
4 ITEM. THEY ARE JEANETTE CHAVEZ, JANE BOUFFARD, IF YOU WOULD
5 PLEASE COME FORWARD, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

6

7 **JANE BOUFFARD:** JANE BOUFFARD WITH THE JUSTICE FOR HOMICIDE
8 VICTIMS AND THE CALIFORNIA PRISONS HAVE BEEN DEEMED
9 OVERCROWDED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. FEDERAL JUDGES APPOINTED TO
10 REVIEW THE ISSUE HAVE MANDATED THAT AN ESTIMATED 9600
11 PRISONERS MUST BE REDUCED FROM THE STATE SYSTEM. THE MOST
12 POPULAR FORM OF REDUCING THE STATE PRISON POPULATION IS TO
13 SEND OFFENDERS OF NONVIOLENT CRIMES BACK TO THE COUNTY FROM
14 WHICH THEY COMMITTED THE CRIMES. BUT THOSE JAILS ARE
15 OVERCROWDED WITH PRISONERS WAITING FOR TRIAL OR SERVING CRIMES
16 THAT PERMIT IMPRISONMENT IN COUNTY JAIL. I WISH TO VOICE
17 SUPPORT OF THE MIRA LOMA FACILITY RENOVATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE
18 FEMALE PRISONERS. CURRENTLY FEMALE INMATES ARE BEING HOUSED AT
19 THE CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, OVERCROWDING IS
20 FORCING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE FEMALE PRISONERS
21 AFTER SERVING LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE TIME. THE
22 CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY IS NOT DESIGNED FOR FEMALE
23 INMATES. IT HAS LESS PROGRAM SPACE AND HAS HIGHER SECURITY
24 THAN NECESSARY FOR WOMEN PRISONERS. I THINK WE ALL REMEMBER
25 HOW EMBARRASSING IT WAS WHEN FEMALE CELEBRITIES WERE SENTENCED



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1 TO JAIL TIME THERE AND MERELY CHECKED IN AND CHECKED OUT. MIRA
2 LOMA WILL PROVIDE A MORE SUITABLE DETENTION FACILITY FOR WOMEN
3 AND ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING AT THE CENTURY REGIONAL FACILITY,
4 ALLOWING SPACE FOR INMATES THAT REQUIRE THE HIGHER SECURITY.
5 AS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, ONE OF YOUR MOST IMPORTANT
6 RESPONSIBILITIES IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY. HAVING OFFENDERS
7 SERVE ONLY A FRACTION OF THEIR SENTENCE IS A MOCKERY TO THE
8 POLICE WHO CAPTURE THEM, TO THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WHO
9 PROSECUTE THEM AND TO THE JUDGES THAT IMPOSE THE SENTENCES
10 THAT OUR LAWS MANDATE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 MA'AM?

14

15 **JEANETTE CHAVEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S JEANETTE CHAVEZ. MY
16 DAUGHTER SAMANTHA SALAS WAS MURDERED IN THE UNINCORPORATED
17 AREA OF MONROVIA, JANUARY 26, 2008. THE TWO THAT WERE
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR HER MURDER STARTED OUT AS LOW OFFENDERS, AND
19 AS THEY GOT OLDER, THEY BRUTALLY MURDERED MY DAUGHTER. AND
20 THEY CAUSED A LOT OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION THROUGHOUT THE
21 COMMUNITY. COMPROMISING THE PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULD NOT BE-- NO
22 ONE SHOULD COMPROMISE PUBLIC SAFETY. MY DAUGHTER WAS MURDERED,
23 SHOT EIGHT TIMES WITH AN UZI. AND HER LAST WORDS IS, "OH MY
24 GOD, I DON'T WANT TO DIE." SHE HAD JUST TURNED 16 YEARS OLD
25 TWO MONTHS BEFORE SHE WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED AND LEFT BEHIND AN



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1 EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SISTER AT THAT TIME. WE SHOULD NEVER CUT
2 CORNERS, SEEKING TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE. WE SHOULD NEVER CUT
3 CORNERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY. I'VE BEEN IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE FOR
4 FIVE YEARS. AND EVERYBODY KNOWS WHO I AM. I'VE BEEN OUT THERE
5 IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE IN COMMUNITIES, AND I HAVE THEIR SUPPORT
6 BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO. PUBLIC SAFETY
7 SHOULD BE ALWAYS, ALWAYS OUR NUMBER ONE ISSUE ON EVERYONE'S
8 AGENDA. AND WE SHOULD NEVER COMPROMISE. I SUPPORT THE MIRA
9 LOMA PROJECT AND I THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. EACH AND EVERY
10 ONE OF YOU, BOARD MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE IT. WE GREATLY
11 APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
14 MA'AM. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THIS MATTER WAS HELD
15 BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. MA'AM?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HELD THIS ITEM. I CERTAINLY WANT TO SEE IT
18 PASSED. I'M GLAD THAT MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE SURROUNDING
19 IT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. I THINK MIRA LOMA IS GOING TO ADD TO
20 THE ONGOING PUZZLE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER OF THE
21 NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED. IT IS CLEARLY THE
22 KIND OF CHALLENGES THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS NOW OR THE KIND OF
23 CHALLENGES WE'RE GOING TO BE FACING. SO GETTING UNDERWAY AND
24 APPROVING MANY OF THESE PROJECTS IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO.
25 BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO UNDER THIS MOTION, AND I NEED



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1 GUIDANCE. I AM NOW INTERESTED IN REMOVING MY SUPPORT FOR THE
2 TAFT AGREEMENT. IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THIS CAME PREPARED AND
3 READY FOR US TO DEAL WITH. THERE ARE SO MANY UNANSWERED
4 QUESTIONS. I JUST THINK IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT MANY OF
5 US WERE LED TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS READY TO MOVE FORWARD AND
6 FIND THE KIND OF PREDICAMENT THAT WE'RE IN. SO I NEED TO FIND
7 OUT LEGALLY HOW I-- DO I MAKE A MOTION NOW TO REMOVE MY
8 SUPPORT? AND IS THIS RELATED ENOUGH IN ORDER FOR US TO DO
9 THAT? OR DO I NEED TO BRING IN A SEPARATE MOTION?

10

11 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, MY RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE
12 THAT YOU READ IN A MOTION TODAY TO BE PLACED ON NEXT TUESDAY'S
13 AGENDA FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AND ACT ON SUCH AN ACTION.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN, AGAIN, AS THE PREMISE THAT
16 THINGS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THEY'RE NOT READY. THERE ARE
17 MANY LEGAL ENTANGLEMENTS, THAT TAFT IS NOT READY TO MOVE
18 FORWARD ON, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE ON NEXT WEEK'S
19 AGENDA TO REMOVE MY SUPPORT FOR THE TAFT AGREEMENT, AS MANY OF
20 THOSE ISSUES CONTINUE TO BE UNRESOLVED. IS THAT SUFFICIENT?

21

22 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN THE PROCEDURE
25 WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP NEXT



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1 WEEK, SIMILAR TO A READ-IN MOTION. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
2 YOU ARE RAISING SOME CONCERN?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I THINK WE JUST NEED A LITTLE BIT
5 MORE IN TERMS OF THE MOTION AND POINT OF CLARIFICATION IN THAT
6 I THINK YOUR MOTION IS MOVING TO STOP ALL PROCEEDINGS WITH THE
7 TAFT CONTRACT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS A 3-2 VOTE.
10 AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, IF THERE IS NOT A THIRD VOTE, IT DOESN'T
11 NEED ANYTHING ELSE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** BUT YOU AREN'T ASKING FOR
14 RECONSIDERATION. YOU'RE ASKING TO STOP THE PROCEEDINGS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD LIKE RECONSIDERATION, BUT I WAS TOLD I
17 COULDN'T GET IT.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO I THINK THE MOTION SHOULD JUST
20 BE THAT SHE'S STOPPING THE PROCEEDINGS. THE MOTION IS TO STOP
21 THE PROCEEDINGS FROM MOVING FORWARD ON THE CONTRACT.

22

23 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** AND THAT WOULD BE A FINE-- TOTALLY
24 ACCEPTABLE AS A FURTHER REFINEMENT OF THE MOTION THAT WOULD
25 READ-IN FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AND ACTION NEXT TUESDAY.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE ITEM 10.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. JUST A MOMENT, IF YOU
7 WILL. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER? COUNTY COUNSEL, WERE THERE
8 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THAT YOU WANTED TO MAKE AT THIS POINT?

9

10 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** NO.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I'M SUPPORTIVE OF ITEM NO. 8. I WAS HOPING TO
13 ATTACH THIS MOTION TO IT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S A SEPARATE ITEM.
16 IT'S BEEN TAKEN UP AND DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY TANTAMOUNT TO A
17 READ-IN MOTION. I THINK WE'RE CLEAR ON THAT INTENTION OF
18 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON
19 ITEM NO. 8 AT THIS POINT? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, THE BOARD LETTER INDICATES A
22 FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTS AT MIRA LOMA TO BE BASED ON TWO
23 FUTURE ACTIONS, WHEN THE E.I.R. IS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, WHICH
24 IS SLATED IN NOVEMBER OF NEXT YEAR, AND WHEN A DESIGN-BUILD
25 CONTRACT IS AWARDED, WHICH IS SLATED FOR MAY OF 2015. SINCE



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1 THESE ACTIONS ARE MONTHS APART, DOES THE FIRST ACTION IN
2 NOVEMBER CONSTITUTE THE FINAL DECISION? OR ARE WE ABLE TO
3 CHANGE THE COURSE AS LONG AS THE DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT HAS NOT
4 BEEN AWARDED?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU HAVE UP UNTIL THE CONTRACT, THE DESIGN-
7 BUILD IS APPROVED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE TIMELINE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED TO OUR
10 OFFICE HAS REFLECTED TWO ADDITIONAL ACTIONS BY THE BOARD IN
11 FEBRUARY OF 2014, WHICH MAY BE BEFORE VANIR HAS ISSUED THE
12 FINAL REPORT TO US. WHAT EFFECT WOULD TAKING THOSE TWO ACTIONS
13 IN FEBRUARY HAVE ON THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF OTHER OPTIONS
14 ONCE THE VANIR'S REPORT IS COMPLETED?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INTENT OF THIS ACTION IS AS REFLECTED IN
17 RECOMMENDATION NO. 8 IS TO WORK WITH YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
18 THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AMEND THE CONTRACT
19 WITH VANIR TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTIONS-- THAT THEIR FINAL
20 REPORT INCORPORATES THIS PROJECT. AND SO WE'LL BE WORKING
21 AGGRESSIVELY WITH THEM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, AND IS ASSISTANT SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD
24 HERE? AND ALSO IS VANIR HERE? WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S POSITION
25 CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY?



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2 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRY MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING, SIR. TERRI
3 MCDONALD, ASSISTANT SHERIFF, THE SHERIFF IS SUPPORTIVE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
6 TRADITIONAL CUSTODY BEDS, TRANSITIONAL BEDS REENTRY BEDS, ALL
7 OF WHICH IS PART OF WHAT IS PROPOSED FOR MIRA LOMA?

8

9 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** CERTAINLY, SIR. I'LL START WITH
10 TRADITIONAL BEDS. TRADITIONAL BEDS ARE GENERALLY FOR OFFENDERS
11 WHO NEED TO BE WITHIN A MORE SECURE CONFINES. EVEN THOSE
12 TRADITIONAL BEDS ARE PROGRAMMING BEDS. SO IN THE TRADITIONAL
13 BEDS AS DEFINED IN MIRA LOMA, THEY STILL WOULD BE DOING DRUG
14 TREATMENT, COGNITIVE-BASED PROGRAM, EDUCATION, VOCATION. BUT
15 IT WOULD BE WITHIN THE SECURE CONFINES. AS THEY NEAR RELEASE,
16 THEY'LL MOVE INTO THE SECONDARY TRANSITIONAL PROGRAM WHERE
17 WE'RE PREPARING THEM FOR RE-ENTRY. SO THAT COULD INCLUDE
18 DRIVER'S LICENSES. IT CAN INCLUDE DOING RESUME. ALL OF THE
19 THINGS THAT THEY NEED TO LEAVE. THE RE-ENTRY, SIR, ARE OUTSIDE
20 THE SECURE PERIMETER OF THE PRIMARY FACILITY. IT'S STILL
21 SECURE, BUT THEY'RE LIVING MORE IN A TRANSITIONAL, MORE
22 NORMATIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR LOW-LEVEL, LOW-RISK FEMALE OFFENDERS
23 WHO ARE PREPARING TO RE-ENTER IN THE COMMUNITY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PERCENTAGE, WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF
2 TIME SERVED BY A.B.109 FEMALES?

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4 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** THE A.B. 109 FEMALES ARE
5 CURRENTLY SERVING 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME SERVED BY NON-
8 A.B.109 FEMALES?

9

10 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** THE COUNTY-SENTENCED FEMALES ARE
11 GENERALLY SERVING 10 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. IF THEIR
12 SENTENCE IS 90 DAYS OR LESS, THEY ARE HELD LONG ENOUGH TO
13 PROCESS THEM OUT. THE VERY, VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF FEMALES WHO
14 ARE-- HAVE A MORE SERIOUS CONVICTION, REFERRED TO AS THE M7S,
15 THEY'RE SERVING 40 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S 10 TO 40 PERCENT?

18

19 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRY MCDONALD:** YES, SIR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY OF THEM ARE HOUSED AT CENTURY
22 REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY NOW?

23

24 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRY MCDONALD:** THE COUNTY SENTENCED AT
25 C.R.D.F., ROUGHLY 160. TOTAL WOMEN AT C.R.D.F. IS ABOUT 1800.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED BED COUNTS
3 OF 1840 VERSUS 1156 BEDS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED UNDER THE
4 PITCHESS PROJECT, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THAT?

5

6 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** WE CURRENTLY HAVE ALMOST 2600
7 FEMALES SENTENCED IN THE L.A. COUNTY SYSTEM WITH OUR CURRENT
8 RELEASE PRACTICES. WE NEED ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. THE CROWDING
9 LEVEL AT C.R.D.F. IS CURRENTLY RUNNING ABOVE 160 PERCENT, AND
10 SO WE NEED MORE CAPACITY FOR FEMALES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR VANIR, YOUR ORIGINAL REPORT TO US
13 CONSISTED OF A FIVE JAIL PLAN OPTION. HOW DOES MIRA LOMA
14 PROJECT FIT INTO THAT PROPOSAL YOU HAVE SUBMITTED?

15

16 **ROB NASH:** THANK YOU. ROB NASH WITH VANIR CONSTRUCTION
17 MANAGEMENT. SEVERAL OF OUR OPTIONS INCLUDED A WOMEN'S FACILITY
18 AT MIRA LOMA. SO WE CERTAINLY VIEW THIS LATEST PROPOSAL AS
19 CONSISTENT AND COMPLEMENTARY WITH THE JAIL PLAN OPTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL YOU BE LOOKING AT THE STAFFING AND
22 OPERATING COSTS OF EACH HOUSING TYPE AT MIRA LOMA SEPARATELY
23 WHILE ALSO LOOKING AT THE IMPACT OF THE TOTAL BED COUNT? THIS
24 WOULD BE HELPFUL BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW IF AND HOW MUCH OF
25 S.B.1022 GRANTS WOULD BE RECEIVED.



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2 **ROB NASH:** YES, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT STAFFING AND OPERATIONS
3 AT MIRA LOMA IN ADDITION TO THE C.C.T.F.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE UNDERSTANDING THAT TODAY'S ACTION
6 DOES NOT CHANGE OUR POSITIONS TO CONTINUE WORKING ON A
7 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FROM YOU?

8

9 **ROB NASH:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT, YES.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WILL YOU BE ISSUING YOUR FINAL REPORT TO
12 US, INCLUDING THE MIRA LOMA ACTIONS, ASSUMING WE APPROVE IT
13 TODAY?

14

15 **ROB NASH:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS, WHILE I SUPPORT THIS
18 PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT PROPOSES TO LEVERAGE GRANT FUNDS TO
19 RENOVATE AN EXISTING FACILITY AT MIRA LOMA RATHER THAN JUST A
20 NEW CONSTRUCTION. AT PITCHESS WE WERE GOING TO SPEND \$94
21 MILLION IN GENERAL FUND MONEY AND \$100 BILLION FROM A.B.900 TO
22 BUILD 1156 BEDS. BY CONTRAST, THE 1156 BEDS AT MIRA LOMA PLUS
23 AN ADDITIONAL 448 TRANSITIONAL BEDS WILL COST TAXPAYERS \$110
24 MILLION, 100 MILLION OF A.B.900 AND 10 MILLION IN GENERAL
25 FUNDS. SO THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADD ANOTHER 236 REENTRY



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1 BEDS DEPENDING UPON WHETHER WE RECEIVE THAT S.B.1022 GRANT. IN
2 ADDITION TO THE BEDS, THE MIRA LOMA PROJECT INCLUDES PROGRAM
3 SPACE WHICH WOULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED BY VANIR AND INCLUDED
4 IN THEIR REPORT TO THE BOARD IN THIS COMING SPRING. THE FACT
5 WE ARE TAKING AN ACTION TODAY BECAUSE WE ARE TIED TO A
6 DEADLINE, SHOULD IN NO WAY MEAN THAT I OR THE BOARD IS ANY
7 LESS INTERESTED IN A COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN THAN WHEN WE
8 HIRED VANIR. I WANT TO RESTATE MY COMMITMENT AND THIS BOARD'S
9 COMMITMENT TO HOLDING OFF ON ANY FINAL DECISIONS ON JAIL
10 PROJECTS UNTIL VANIR HAS COMPLETED ITS STUDY AND WE HAVE A
11 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH ALL OF THE PIECES BEFORE US.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. OTHER MEMBERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON
15 THE MATTER BEFORE US? ITEM NO. 8 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE MIRA
16 LOMA DETENTION CENTER? IT'S BEEN MOVED. I SEE NO OTHER
17 REQUESTS TO BE HEARD BEFORE ME AT THIS POINT. SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA? ALL RIGHT. NOW, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RECOMMENDATION,
19 MR. PREVEN, YOU NEED TO TAKE A SEAT, I HAVE NO NOTIFICATION
20 THAT YOU WISH TO BE HEARD. THANK YOU. NOW LET ME PROCEED TO
21 ASK THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
22 JUST READ IN. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FOR THE BOARD'S
23 CLARIFICATION?

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I'M SORRY. I DON'T THINK
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH--

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY MOTION.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WELL THE MATTER THAT
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JUST RAISED WAS WITH RESPECT TO THE
8 COMPREHENSIVE WORK THAT VANIR IS SUPPOSED TO BE DOING.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD A SEPARATE
11 MOTION. BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS JUST SAYING THAT NO
12 ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY THIS BOARD ON THE FINAL JAIL MASTER
13 PLAN. I THINK THAT WAS HIS FINAL COMMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. BUT I'M SEEKING TO CLARIFY
16 THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT IS BEFORE US TODAY IS ESSENTIALLY TO DO
17 WHAT? THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU COULD RESPOND TO
18 THAT.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN HELP.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, PLEASE.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** LET ME FIRST COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR
25 ANTONOVICH'S STATEMENT. THE STAFF, WHICH INCLUDES OUR OFFICE,



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1 YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OUR
2 CONSULTANT, VANIR, WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT THE BOARD
3 EXPECTS OF US IS A TOTAL, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BEFORE ANY SINGLE
4 PROJECT MOVES FORWARD. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT
5 MOVE FORWARD ABSENT THAT COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN. WHAT WE HAVE
6 TODAY--

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BUT LET ME JUST ASK A QUESTION
9 IN THAT REGARD IF I MAY, MR. FUJIOKA. IF SUCH IS THE CASE,
10 WHAT IS, THEN, THE IMPORT OF MOVING THIS ITEM FORWARD TODAY?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE VERY SPECIFIC DEADLINES RELATED TO THE
13 A.B.900 AND THE S.B.1022 GRANTS THAT MUST BE TAKEN BY THE END
14 OF THIS MONTH TO PRESERVE THE FUNDING. ESSENTIALLY WE'RE
15 TRYING TO MOVE THE FUNDING FROM ITS EARLIER DESIGNATED SITE,
16 WHICH WAS PITCHESS HONOR RANCH, TO THE MIRA LOMA SITE. WE HAVE
17 SUPPORTS FROM THE STATE AGENCY TO DO SO. BUT IT'S CONTINGENT
18 ON TAKING AN ACTION BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. AND SO THE HOPE
19 IS TO MOVE THIS ITEM TODAY, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO PRESERVE
20 THE GRANT. AND AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED, WE GO FROM
21 A PROJECT AT PITCHESS THAT WOULD HAVE COST OUR GENERAL FUND IN
22 EXCESS OF \$100 MILLION TO A PROJECT THAT WILL SAVE
23 CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY BECAUSE THE LION'S SHARE IS BEING
24 FUNDED BY A.B.900 AND THEN ALSO IF WE'RE SUCCESSFUL, S.B.1022
25 DOLLARS. IT ALSO RESULTS IN A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE



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1 NUMBER OF BEDS AT PITCHESS. WE'RE LOOKING AT 1156 BEDS,
2 WHEREAS AT THE MIRA LOMA SITE, WE CAN GET UP TO I BELIEVE 1604
3 BEDS.

4

5 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** YEAH. AND THAT'S PRIOR TO THE
6 1022.

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S PRIOR TO THE 1022.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING FURTHER?

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NOTHING FURTHER. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT ME
13 TO GO THROUGH ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DO HAVE NINE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS IN OUR AUGUST 22ND LETTER THAT ALLOWS US TO
15 MOVE THIS ITEM FORWARD AND PRESERVE THE TWO GRANTS. WELL,
16 PRESERVE ONE GRANT AND ALLOW US TO APPLY FOR THE S.B.1022
17 GRANT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. FUJIOKA. MEMBERS
20 OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE CONCERN THAT I WISH TO
21 ARTICULATE IS SIMILAR TO WHAT I SET FORTH IN MY REMARKS WHEN
22 WE TOOK UP THE MATTER OF TAFT. IT SEEMS TO ME AGAIN WE HAVE
23 THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE. AND I AM QUITE CONCERNED THAT OUR
24 PURSUIT OF FUNDING MAY, IN FACT, CAUSE US TO MAKE A GREATER
25 INVESTMENT OF WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO BEFORE WE HAVE FULLER



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1 CLARIFICATION OF THIS MATTER IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FASHION.
2 SO LET ME JUST KIND OF RECOUNT AS QUICKLY AS I CAN MY
3 UNDERSTANDING. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD ENTAIL THREE PARTS:
4 A TRADITIONAL CUSTODIAL FACILITY, A STEPDOWN FACILITY AND A
5 RE-ENTRY FACILITY. BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE C.E.O. HAVE MORE
6 WORK TO DO TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE THREE TYPES OF
7 FACILITIES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED, MORE WORK TO BE DONE ON
8 THAT. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE FOR BOTH THE PROPOSED STEPDOWN
9 FACILITY AND THE RE-ENTRY FACILITY, QUESTIONS YET TO BE
10 SETTLED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE IN CUSTODIAL
11 SETTINGS OR NOT, YET TO BE FULLY REFINED. AND SO THE QUESTION,
12 THEN, ARISES TO BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE SHERIFF WHERE ARE WE
13 WITH RESPECT TO BEST PRACTICES ON THIS FRONT? AND MY
14 EXPECTATION WOULD BE THAT THE VANIR REPORT WOULD HELP THE
15 BOARD UNDERSTAND WHERE WE SHOULD BE WITH RESPECT TO THAT, AND
16 YET MOVING FORWARD HERE DOES SEEM TO ME TO COMMIT US IN A WAY
17 THAT I HAVE UNREADINESS ABOUT. AND SO THE PROPOSED RE-ENTRY
18 AND STEPDOWN FACILITY IN CUSTODIAL SETTINGS IS ANOTHER WAY OF
19 SPEAKING TO THE LANGUAGE OF INCARCERATION, WHICH IS BASICALLY
20 WHAT WE ARE HOPING TO LOWER OUR DRIVE TOWARD. AND SO I THINK
21 WE HAVE A BIT OF A PROBLEM HERE. AND I THINK IT'S INFORMED BY
22 NOT WANTING TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THESE DOLLARS.
23 AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO BE PRETTY
24 UP FRONT ABOUT WHAT WE ARE CONTENDING WITH HERE. SO IF IT'S
25 SITED AT MIRA LOMA, THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE WOMEN WHO'LL BE



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1 HOUSED IN THE FACILITY, THE PROJECT NEEDS TO DO MORE WORK ON
2 THAT FRONT IN TERMS OF THE ISSUES OF TRANSPORTATION,
3 PROXIMITY. SHERIFF, YOU KNOW WHAT ALL THE ISSUES ARE THAT ARE
4 EMBEDDED IN THAT KIND OF SET OF CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF
5 RELATIVES AND FAMILY BEING FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO THE
6 ISSUE OF REHABILITATION, RE-ENTRY, ET CETERA. IT WOULD SEEM TO
7 ME THAT WISDOM, EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE SUGGESTS THAT WE BE MUCH
8 MORE THOUGHTFUL AND CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS. NOW, I'M PREPARED TO
9 BE CORRECTED AT ANY POINT, BUT THE EXPANSION OF PRISON BEDS
10 FROM 1156 TO OVER WHAT AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 1800 IS, IN MY
11 WAY OF VIEWING THIS, A MATTER OF EXPANSION, WHICH WE ARE
12 SEEKING TO ADDRESS BY LOOKING TOWARD REDUCING RECIDIVISM,
13 ENGAGING MORE FORTHRIGHTLY IN RE-ENTRY SCENARIOS. AND SO I'M
14 JUST CONCERNED THAT WE ARE MOVING IN THE DIRECTION THAT SPEAKS
15 TO IMPLEMENTATION THAT CONTRADICTS WHAT WE SAY OVERALL WE ARE
16 SEEKING TO ACHIEVE. WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PROGRAMMATIC DETAILS
17 AND, MR. FUJIOKA, I DON'T KNOW IF THE NINE ADDITIONAL POINTS
18 THAT YOU WERE GOING TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD SPEAK TO
19 PROGRAMMATIC DETAILS AND OPERATIONAL COSTS, ET CETERA YOU
20 KNOW, AGAIN, I FELT WITH RESPECT TO TAFT THEREFORE MY
21 ABSTENTION IN THAT INSTANCE IS HAUNTING ME WITH RESPECT TO
22 THIS WORK. I WOULD BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A COMPLETED
23 REPORT FROM OUR CONSULTANTS AND THEN MAKE A DECISION. THE ONLY
24 THING THAT HOLDS IT UP POTENTIALLY IS THE BUSINESS OF THE
25 GRANT THAT YOU WERE SAYING. BUT I FEEL LIKE WE ARE GETTING



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1 FURTHER IN THAN WHAT I'M COMFORTABLE WITH, THEREFORE I WANT TO
2 REGISTER MY UNREADINESS.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY, AND YOU'RE GOING TO CORRECT ME. WE
5 DO HAVE A DEADLINE THAT WE MUST MEET IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE
6 A.B.900 FUNDS. WE MUST TAKE AN ACTION BY OUR BOARD THIS MONTH
7 SO THAT WE COULD APPEAR BEFORE THE B.S.C.C. AT THEIR MEETING
8 IN NOVEMBER. BUT RECOGNIZING, AND THIS IS THE POINT SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH MADE, THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS IN THIS PROCESS
10 WHERE WE COULD STOP. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH VANIR FOLKS AND
11 THE SHERIFF, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ALL COUNTY STAFF, MENTAL
12 HEALTH, PROBATION, SO ON IN A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT
13 ADDRESSES THE STAFFING AND THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE WILL BE
14 BRINGING BACK TO YOUR BOARD. AND SO THERE ARE TRIGGER POINTS
15 ALONG THIS PROJECT WHERE AT CERTAIN POINTS IN TIME, THE BOARD
16 COULD SAY, EVEN TO THE POINT BEFORE WE AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN
17 BUILD CONTRACT, THE BOARD COULD SAY, NO WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO
18 FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT. THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S ACTION, AND
19 WITH THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF TODAY'S ACTION IS TO PRESERVE THAT
20 GRANT. BUT ALSO RECOGNIZING THAT AT THE CENTURY REGIONAL
21 FACILITY, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT OVERCROWDING. YOU HEARD THE
22 CHIEF SAY THAT WE'RE AT 160 PERCENT. AND THE FACILITY THAT WE
23 ENVISION AT THE PITCHESS SITE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE
24 CONDUCTIVE TO PROGRAMMING. THAT WOULD HELP THE INDIVIDUAL AS
25 THEY GO FROM THE TRADITIONAL TYPE OF CELLS TO TRANSITION TO



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1 RE-ENTRY. SO THAT IS AN ABSOLUTE BENEFIT. BUT IF WE DON'T TAKE
2 TODAY'S ACTION--

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** -- WE STAND, NOT THE RISK, BUT WE WILL LOSE
7 THAT \$100 MILLION.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. POINT WELL MADE, MR.
10 FUJIOKA. LET ME JUST SIMPLY EXPRESS THIS POINT OF VIEW IN THAT
11 REGARD. THE SAME DRIVE THAT CAUSES YOU TO RECOMMEND THAT WE
12 MOVE FORWARD; THAT IS, TO CAPTURE THESE DOLLARS, IS
13 ESSENTIALLY GOING TO OPERATE IN TERMS OF THE POTENTIAL OF
14 RECEIVING THOSE DOLLARS. IN OTHER WORDS, PUTTING THE CART
15 BEFORE THE HORSE ESSENTIALLY CAUSES THE DESIRE TO CAPTURE
16 THESE DOLLARS, NOT TO GO AWAY, BUT TO MORE FORCEFULLY ADVOCATE
17 FOR CAPTURING THE DOLLARS BEFORE IT IS DETERMINED WHETHER THIS
18 IS THE APPROPRIATE WAY FOR US TO PROCEED IN TERMS OF THE
19 REPORTS FROM THE CONSULTANT THAT THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED. MY
20 POINT IS SIMPLY THIS: ALL MONEY AIN'T GOOD MONEY IN TERMS OF
21 WHERE WE THINK WE SHOULD BE HEADED. AND THE BOARD'S WISDOM AND
22 DISPOSITION IN THIS MATTER IS CERTAINLY FINE TO BRING BEFORE
23 US. BUT I THINK WE'VE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO A SITUATION WHERE
24 WE ARE SEARCHING FOR DOLLARS, WHICH IS APPROPRIATE. BUT THAT
25 MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE ULTIMATELY WANT TO ACCOMPLISH



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1 BY VIRTUE OF AN INCOMPLETE REPORT BEFORE US. I HAVE
2 UNREADINESS AT THAT POINT AND WANT TO MAKE THAT ABUNDANTLY
3 CLEAR. MA'AM?

4

5 **ASST. SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD:** I ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND YOUR
6 PERSPECTIVE, AND I SHARE SOME COMPONENTS OF THAT PERSPECTIVE.
7 THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO ENVISION
8 WITHOUT A SENSE OF WHERE YOU'RE GOING. MIRA LOMA PROVIDES THE
9 COUNTY, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND THAT
10 PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY. I DO NOT BELIEVE, NOR DOES THE SHERIFF
11 BELIEVE, THAT A JAIL BED IS THE SOLUTION TO EVERY PROBLEM. AND
12 SO PART OF THAT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WILL INCLUDE SOME
13 ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY SOLUTIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER,
14 RECOGNIZING THAT IS A BOARD'S CONSIDERATION, NOT THE
15 SHERIFF'S. BUT I THINK THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY
16 WITH THIS FACILITY TO DESIGN A NATIONAL MODEL FOR THE
17 TREATMENT OF FEMALE OFFENDERS. WE'VE ASKED THE NATIONAL
18 INSTITUTION OF CORRECTIONS GENDER RESPONSIVE COMMISSION TO
19 COME IN AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR US TO DO THAT. AND
20 ADDITIONALLY, YOU MENTIONED EXPANSION. YOU HAVE THE
21 OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THIS TO DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH
22 THAT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY. DO YOU WANT TO EXTEND PERCENTAGE OF
23 TIME SERVED? DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN TO CLOSE DOWN SEGMENTS OF
24 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL? DO YOU WANT TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN THE
25 MALE FACILITY? SO THAT WILL BE ALL PART OF IT. AND I'M HOPEFUL



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1 THAT WE GET THE AUTHORITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE GRANT
2 BECAUSE THAT WILL GIVE US A FRAMEWORK BY WHICH WE CAN DEFINE A
3 BETTER PROGRAM FOR YOU. THE FACILITY HAS TONS OF PROGRAM
4 CAPACITY. IT'S NOT WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES, BEING AWAY FROM
5 FAMILY, BUT WE CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MITIGATE THAT AS A
6 COUNTY. THANK YOU, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR INSIGHT. AND
9 I APPRECIATE YOUR QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'LL COMPLETE
10 THIS STATEMENT AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU. ALL OF WHAT YOU
11 HAVE SAID, SHERIFF MCDONALD, IS WELL APPRECIATED. BUT THE
12 THRUST OF WHAT THE BOARD SOUGHT TO DO IS TO DEAL WITH THIS IN
13 A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER RATHER THAN IN A PIECEMEAL MANNER. AND
14 THE NATURE OF THAT PIECEMEAL APPROACH WILL BE MORE COSTLY. YOU
15 WILL HAVE A SERIES OF START AND STOP SCENARIOS. MY DIFFICULTY
16 WITH WHAT THE C.E.O. RECOMMENDED IS THAT, YOU KNOW, IF WE GET
17 IN AND THE BOARD DECIDES TO DO OTHERWISE, THEN WE CAN DECIDE
18 TO DO OTHERWISE. I WOULD THINK THAT WE SHOULD, AS BEST AS
19 POSSIBLE, EXHAUST OUR BEST THINKING ON THE FRONT SIDE RATHER
20 THAN HAVING TO REVERSE OURSELVES MIDSTREAM WITH RESPECT TO
21 MIRA LOMA OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE MODERNIZATION OF OUR JAIL
22 FACILITIES. NOW, I SAY THAT AS AN OVERARCHING WAY TO PLAN TO
23 ADDRESS OPERATION COSTS, POINT JUST MADE TO ME THAT WE HAVE
24 SOME 56 PLUS MILLION DOLLARS WITH RESPECT TO CUSTODIAL
25 CONSIDERATIONS WITH THESE BEDS THAT WILL BE BUILT IN OUR



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1 INCREASE. THERE'S A LOT OF DETAILS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THIS
2 THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO BE MADE AWARE OF THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN
3 ABSENT A VERY CAREFUL, THOUGHTFUL LOOK FROM THE FRONT SIDE OF
4 IT. AND SO I THINK IT'S A LEGITIMATE DISCUSSION. OUR VARYING
5 POINTS OF VIEW ARE WORTH EVALUATING, AS WE'RE DOING TODAY. I
6 NOW RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KNABE. SIR?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I RECOGNIZE YOUR POSITION; HOWEVER,
9 I DO THINK WE'VE BEEN VERY THOUGHTFUL ON THIS WHOLE PROCESS AS
10 WE MOVE FORWARD IN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER THINGS TO MITIGATE
11 AND TO MEDIATE. AND SO I WOULD JUST REITERATE MY ORIGINAL
12 IDEA, AND THAT'S TO MOVE THE ITEM, MOVE ITEM NO. 8. I BELIEVE
13 THERE WAS A SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE SECOND HAS BEEN
16 PROPERLY MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION
17 ON THE MATTER?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF WORDS.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.



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1
2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION THAT
3 WE'RE GOING TO NEED ADDITIONAL BEDS OF SOME NUMBER. THE ISSUE
4 FOR ME, AND I SUSPECT FOR OTHERS, IS HOW MANY, AND WHAT ARE
5 THE OTHER COMPONENT PARTS? BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION, AND THIS
6 HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR MONTHS NOW, THIS WOMEN'S COMPONENT.
7 I'VE DISCUSSED IT WITH YOU, SHERIFF MCDONALD. AND MY STAFF HAS
8 DISCUSSED IT WITH YOU AT SOME LENGTH. THERE'S NO QUESTION
9 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THIS SOMEWHERE. AND IN THIS
10 CONFIGURATION, WITH MAYBE SOME TWEAKS AS YOU GO ALONG, BUT
11 THIS IS THE PATH FORWARD FOR THIS COMPONENT. REGARDLESS OF
12 WHAT ELSE COMES OUT OF THE VANIR REPORT AND WHAT THE BOARD
13 ULTIMATELY DECIDES TO DO, WE DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS MUCH
14 DISAGREEMENT THAT THIS COMPONENT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SO THEN THE
15 NEXT QUESTION IS: HOW DO WE PAY FOR IT? ONE OF MY COMPLAINTS,
16 NOT MY PRINCIPAL COMPLAINT, BUT IT IS A PRINCIPAL COMPLAINT,
17 IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO END UP, WHATEVER WE DO, PICKING UP THE
18 TAB FOR MOST OF THIS PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE JAIL PROJECT,
19 WHATEVER IT ENDS UP LOOKING LIKE ON OUR OWN NICKEL EVEN THOUGH
20 A MEANINGFUL PART OF WHY WE'RE DOING THIS, WHETHER WE WANT TO
21 ADMIT IT OR NOT, IS BECAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE STATE.
22 AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO PUT-- PRESSURE WILL CONTINUE TO
23 RATCHET UP ON US BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION THAT THE STATE HAS.
24 AND WE'VE ALREADY SEEN IT IN THE NARRATIVES COMING OUT OF YOUR
25 DEPARTMENT, OUT OF THE BUREAUCRACY, THAT THE RELEASES THAT ARE



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1 COMING OUT FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY ARE NOW PUTTING
2 PRESSURE ON THE CAPACITY OF OUR JAILS. WE WERE OVERCROWDED
3 BEFORE A.B.109. WE HAD PROBLEMS BEFORE A.B.109. WE'RE GOING TO
4 HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM. AND SO THIS CLOSE TO \$100 MILLION, IS
5 THAT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT HERE, FROM THE STATE GRANT? HOW
6 MUCH ARE WE EXPECTING TO GET, OR HOW MUCH ARE WE APPLYING FOR?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S \$100 MILLION FOR A.B. 900 AND A POTENTIAL
9 \$80 MILLION FOR S.B.1022.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS IS ONE WAY THAT WE HAVE
12 TO DRAW DOWN SOME STATE MONEY FOR PART OF A GLOBAL SOLUTION,
13 IF THERE IS SUCH A THING, ON THE JAIL ISSUE. THE LAST THING I
14 WOULD SAY IS THAT IF I WERE A STATE OFFICIAL, WHETHER IT'S THE
15 GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATION OR THE LEGISLATURE, IF WE TURN DOWN
16 A GRANT LIKE THIS OR FAIL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT LIKE THIS AND
17 THEN CAME TO THE STATE AND SAID "WE NEED MONEY," MY FIRST
18 QUESTION WOULD BE: "WELL, YOU HAD MONEY ON THE TABLE. YOU
19 DIDN'T PICK IT UP. WHY ARE YOU COMING TO US NOW?" SO I THINK
20 THIS IS KIND OF A NO BRAINER. AND I THINK YOU'VE DEVELOPED A
21 GOOD PLAN. THE ONLY QUESTION WILL BE WHETHER THE PLAN GETS
22 EXECUTED THE WAY IT'S BEEN SOLD. AND THAT'S BEEN MY CONCERN
23 ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S BEING TALKED ABOUT. AND THAT'S WHERE I
24 HOPE-- PARDON?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT A NO
2 BRAINER, MAN. (LAUGHING) .

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NOTHING IS-- I'M SORRY, I DON'T SEE IT
5 THAT WAY, MARK.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I DO.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THE LOGICAL EXTENSION OF DOING NOTHING
10 IS TO DO NOTHING. AND DOING NOTHING IS NOT IN OUR BEST
11 INTEREST FROM ANY POINT OF VIEW, FROM PUBLIC SAFETY OR FOR OUR
12 CLIENTS, INMATES OR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE TREATED IN THE
13 COMMUNITY SETTING. WE ARE VERY GOOD AT PUTTING OFF DECISIONS.
14 AND ON THIS ONE, I THINK FOR GOOD REASON BECAUSE AT LEAST
15 SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, I HAVE ON THE BROADER ISSUES A LOT OF
16 CONCERNS. I'LL SHARE AT ANOTHER TIME. BUT ON THIS ONE, WE'RE
17 GOING TO END UP DOING THIS REGARDLESS OF WHAT WE DO ON
18 ANYTHING ELSE. SO WE MIGHT AS WELL PICK UP THE STATE MONEY
19 WHILE IT'S AVAILABLE AND INSULATE OURSELVES AT LEAST TO THIS
20 EXTENT FROM THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. SO I
21 LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT AND MAKING
22 SURE THAT WHAT YOU'RE SELLING TO US IS WHAT WE END UP GETTING.
23 BUT I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS TODAY.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE
2 OFFICER, DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE ROLL?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SURE. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ABSTAIN.

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25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIED.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ARE NOW GOING INTO CLOSED
5 SESSION AND I'LL READ THE BOARD MEMBERS INTO THE CLOSED
6 SESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS NOTICE IS
7 HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN
8 CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
9 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-4,
10 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
11 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, ITEM NO. CS-5, DEPARTMENT HEAD
12 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, ITEM NO. CS-6, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
13 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF
14 DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SERVICES, AND ITEM NO. CS-7, CONFERENCE
15 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF
16 AND SEAN ROGAN, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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[CLOSED SESSION]

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF WE
2 CAN RESUME WITH THE AGENDA THAT IS BEFORE US, THE BALANCE OF
3 THE ISSUES PLEASE.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE TWO PUBLIC
6 HEARING ITEMS AND TODAY IS THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND THEN WE
7 HAVE TWO SET ITEMS. IF WE COULD FIRST BEGIN WITH THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING ITEMS AND TAKE THOSE UP?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, LET'S PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ALL RIGHT. FOR PUBLIC HEARING
13 ITEMS NO. 1 AND 2, ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
14 BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.
15 IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU
16 SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING
17 BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.
18 ON HEARING NO. 1, THIS IS TO COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L0116
19 AND LIGHTING ACT 1 DIAMOND BAR AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENT
20 WITHIN THE ANNEXED TERRITORIES FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 AND ORDER
21 TABULATION OF ASSESSMENT BALLOTS SUBMITTED. THERE IS A
22 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND I
23 BELIEVE WE HAVE A COUPLE SPEAKERS.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE
2 DEPARTMENT. PROCEED, SIR.

3

4 **JAMES CHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES CHAN AND I AM THE HEAD
6 OF THE LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I
7 AM WITH THE PROCEEDINGS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
8 DISTRICT 10006 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, DIAMOND BAR
9 ZONE. AND THE LEVYING COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREA
10 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE CITY
11 OF DIAMOND BAR. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREA WILL BE
12 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND
13 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
14 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE
15 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-
16 EXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, I
19 WAS MISTAKEN. THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS TODAY ON THIS ITEM.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS
24 TIME TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF



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1 BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR
2 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY, SO
5 ORDERED. NEXT ITEM.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE
8 HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR ANDUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE,
9 TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION TO ADD SECTION 2.32.091 RELATING TO
10 THE IMPOSITION OF NEW AND INCREASED FRAUD NOTIFICATIONS AND
11 RELATED FEES WHEN RECORDING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS. AND
12 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS
13 RECEIVED. THERE ARE A COUPLE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE CALL ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC
16 PREVEN ON ITEM NO. 2.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
19 AND BY THE WAY, WE HAD NO REPORT ON YOUR CLOSED SESSION
20 DISCUSSIONS. DON'T WE HAVE A REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION RESULTS
21 AFTER YOU COME BACK FROM CLOSED SESSION FOR TWO HOURS? THAT
22 BEING DIFFERENT.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** I AGREE WITH THAT.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE ITEM FOR
2 WHICH YOU SIGNED BY UP? OR ARE YOU GOING TO RELINQUISH?

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M JUST MAKING SMALL TALK.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME SAY WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO
7 DO. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RELEASE THE MICROPHONE IN A MOMENT
8 IF YOU DON'T ADDRESS THE ISSUE FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED BY UP.
9 PROCEED.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MUST HAVE BEEN THAT TWO HOURS. ANYWAY, THE
12 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, YOU KNOW, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE L.A.-
13 TO-PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BY ANY CHANCE? AS
14 A MATTER OF FACT, YOU SHOULD BE BECAUSE YOU JUST HAD IT ON
15 YOUR AGENDA TWO WEEKS AGO. THEY HAVE PROPERTY. THEY HAVE
16 PROPERTY THAT IS PART OF A GRANT DEED THAT'S AT THE REGISTRAR-
17 RECORDER CLERK'S OFFICE REGISTERED IN 2007. HOW WAS THAT
18 AGENCY FORMED FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE TIME FRAME? DID YOU KNOW
19 THAT THE AIRPORT --

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS, ARE YOU UNDER THE
22 IMPRESSION THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE THAT'S BEFORE US?

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ARE YOU ADDRESSING?

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. AND I AM TRYING TO
4 SAY TO YOU THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT IS CORRUPT, THEN WHAT IS THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF THE REGISTRAR, THE COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER
6 CLERK'S OFFICE IF THE COUNTY AGENCIES THAT OPERATE WITHIN THE
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN AND OF THEMSELVES ARE CORRUPT IN AND
8 OF THEMSELVES, THEN IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. GO BACK TO
9 CLOSED SESSION FOR ANOTHER TWO HOURS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
12 TESTIMONY.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** TAKE A NAP.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
19 DISTRICT 3, AND I MUST SAY, I DO EXPECT AFTER CLOSED SESSIONS,
20 JUST TO HEAR AN UPDATE, NOT LOOKING FOR AN ARGUMENT, BUT I DO
21 FEEL THAT THAT'S A BROWN ACT REQUIREMENT. IF MISS HAMAI WANTS
22 TO, SHE'S WELCOME TO DO IT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DO YOU THINK THAT THAT'S WHAT YOU
25 SIGNED UP FOR?



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, I KNOW WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ADDRESS THAT, PLEASE. PLEASE
5 ADDRESS THAT.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING, SIR.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, YOU AREN'T.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, IT'S ITEM NO. 2. NO, BUT WHEN WE HAVE, A
12 MEETING, SIR, TO BE FAIR, WE ARE ENTITLED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
13 IS HAPPENING. THAT IS PART OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THAT'S WHY I
14 RAISED IT, NOT TO START--

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** BUT YOU'RE NOT ENTITLED TO TRY TO
17 RUN THE MEETING AS YOU TYPICALLY DO.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, THANK YOU, SIR.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** INDEED. NOW ADDRESS THE ISSUE FOR
22 WHICH YOU SIGNED BY UP, PLEASE.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APPRECIATE INPUT ON THAT, BUT I'M--

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M NOT APPRECIATING YOUR INPUT. WE
2 WILL GET TO THE ITEMS AT HAND. YOU ARE NOT HERE TO RUN THE
3 MEETING.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** AGREED.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOW ADDRESS THE ISSUE
8 BEFORE US.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** ITEM NO. 2.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** IS THIS BOARD'S DETERMINATION THAT THE WAY TO
15 HELP FUND S.B.62, WHICH IS A FRAUD NOTIFICATION FEE MATTER, IS
16 TO RAISE, IN FACT, FROM 3 TO \$7, I BELIEVE IT'S A \$4 INCREASE
17 ON VARIOUS KINDS OF CLOSINGS THAT TAKE PLACE. THEY SPECIFY
18 SPECIFICALLY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE GET ABOUT 782,000 DEEDS THAT
19 QUIT CLAIMS AND WE HAVE I THINK IT'S ABOUT 48,000 NOTICES OF
20 DEFAULT. NONETHELESS, WE'RE GOING TO RAISE ABOUT \$5.8 MILLION
21 IN THIS PROCESS, WHICH IS GOING TO BE AN INCREASE OF 2-POINT
22 SOMETHING MILLION FROM WHAT WE WERE GETTING AND WE'RE GOING TO
23 ROLL OUT A STAFF UPGRADE OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE FROM THE
24 REGISTRAR-RECORDER, GOING TO ADD FIVE, AND ADD ABOUT 15, IF I
25 GOT IT RIGHT, TO THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS GROUP. SO THOSE OF YOU



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1 WHO SUPPORT THAT GROUP WILL BE VERY PLEASED ABOUT THAT. WHAT
2 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE COME DOWN
3 HERE REGULARLY WORRIED ABOUT FORECLOSURE FRAUD AND THESE KINDS
4 OF ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEIR PROPERTIES AND WHETHER OR NOT
5 WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING ANYTHING SPECIFIC OR ARTICULATING,
6 MAYBE THIS BOARD COULD ADDRESS HOW THIS MONEY IS GOING TO BE
7 APPLIED TO THAT GOAL.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU DON'T WANT TO EXPLAIN HOW IT'S GOING TO WORK?
12 NO OBLIGATION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WHAT I WILL EXPLAIN IS THAT YOUR
15 TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** BY THE WAY, THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
20 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ON ITEM NO. 2, THE REAL ESTATE AND
21 FORECLOSURE FRAUD PHENOMENA CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM IN
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE ECONOMIC TURNDOWN IN 2008,
23 THE COUNTY EXPERIENCED WHAT MANY WOULD ARGUE WOULD BE A
24 DRAMATIC RISE IN FORECLOSURES, NOTICES OF DEFAULT TOPPED
25 44,000 IN 2012 AND COMBINED NOTICES OF DEFAULT AND NOTICES OF



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1 SALE ARE PROJECTED TO REMAIN ABOVE 44,000 IN 2013. THIS COUNTY
2 HAS A FRAUD NOTIFICATION PROGRAM, THANKFULLY, THAT WOULD BE
3 EXPANDED THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF S.B.62. AND THIS
4 PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE FRAUD SURROUNDING
5 FORECLOSURES. THIS ACTION IS IN RESPONSE TO THE MOTION THAT
6 WAS BROUGHT IN LITERALLY 2009 TO ADDRESS REAL ESTATE FRAUD AND
7 FORECLOSURES IN THE COUNTY, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE
8 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE
9 CONSTITUENTS. SO, THE DRAMATIC RISE IN FORECLOSURES SAW THE
10 NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
11 RISE SIGNIFICANTLY. AND S.B.62 IS A SOLUTION THAT ADDRESSES
12 THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY FORECLOSURE CONSULTANTS WHO DEFRAUD
13 HOMEOWNERS. THE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS NOTES
14 THAT COMPLAINTS ARE RECEIVED THAT HOMEOWNERS PAY FROM 5,000 TO
15 AS MUCH AS 25,000 OR MORE TO REAL ESTATE SCAMMERS WHO PROMISE
16 TO GET FUNDING OR REFINANCING AND FAIL TO DO SO. AND THESE
17 DOLLARS ARE LOST TO THOSE HOMEOWNERS, TAKEN FROM THEM, RIPPED
18 OFF, ESSENTIALLY, AND THEY CANNOT USE THOSE RESOURCES TO MAKE
19 A LOAN OR WORK OUT THEIR ISSUES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LENDERS,
20 TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN ARREARS OR IT'S JUST A VERY, VERY TERRIBLE
21 SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES. SO THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS ORDINANCE IS
22 A STEP FORWARD IN HELPING FIGHT FRAUD IN THE REAL ESTATE
23 MARKET, SOMETHING THAT WE ALL ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT AND
24 HAVE BEEN. I SIMPLY WISH TO URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS ITEM
25 ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE MATTER? SUPERVISOR



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1 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO
2 OBJECTION, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IF WE
5 COULD GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 1, AND ON THIS ITEM, A DETERMINATION
6 HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS EXIST AGAINST THE
7 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR PETITION 21-111, PROPOSED FOR
8 ANNEXATION TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 10006 AND
9 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, DIAMOND BAR ZONE. AS A
10 RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT
11 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS
12 IN JOINT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF
13 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF THE
14 TERRITORY.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. AND
18 THEREFORE WE HAVE A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
21 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TODAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ON TO
22 ITEM NO. S-1, WHICH WAS A SET MATTER THIS MORNING?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** S-1 IS NOW BEFORE US. MR. BROWNING?

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ARE YOU READY?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE ARE, INDEED.

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5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY, WE HAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
6 TODAY, AND THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO A PREVIOUS ITEM ON THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND I'M NOT GOING
8 TO GO OVER EVERYTHING THAT I WENT OVER IN THE PRIOR REPORT,
9 WHICH I KNOW IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, BUT I DO
10 WANT TO JUST REINFORCE THAT THE THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES AND
11 GOALS ARE CHILD SAFETY, PERMANENCY AND ACCESS TO EFFECTIVE AND
12 CARING SERVICES. THE PRIMARY JOB WE HAVE IS SAFETY. AND I WANT
13 TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR BECAUSE THERE SOMETIMES IS A QUESTION
14 ON THAT IN TERMS OF SETTING THE STAGE, I WANT TO GO OVER A
15 LITTLE BIT OF THE NUMBERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. WE HAVE OVER
16 36,000 CHILDREN IN CARE AT ANY ONE POINT IN TIME. THAT'S DOWN
17 DRAMATICALLY FROM 10 OR 15 YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS 70,000 OR SO.
18 YOU CAN SEE FROM THE SLIDE THERE THAT MANY OF THE CHILDREN ARE
19 IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT. BUT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE CHILDREN
20 ARE IN A HOME OF A RELATIVE. AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT,
21 THAT OUR PRIMARY GOAL IS TO, IF WE CAN'T ALLOWED A CHILD TO
22 REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOME, WE WANT TO PLACE THEM WITH A
23 RELATIVE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. AND SO I THINK WE'VE DONE A
24 PRETTY GOOD JOB IN THAT REGARD. SOME OF THE NUMBERS YOU'LL SEE
25 THERE, LIKE YOUTH IN SUPPORT OF TRANSITION, THOSE ARE A.B.12



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1 NUMBERS THAT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE
2 SHOWN UP THERE, BUT WE ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN THAT
3 POPULATION. AND I REALLY DID WANT TO JUST MAKE YOU AWARE OF
4 THAT. WE'RE DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO
5 ARE IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS IN GROUP HOMES. SO IF YOU GO
6 BACK FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF ABOUT 1,000, YOU'LL SEE CLOSE TO
7 1500. BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'VE HAD A 50 PERCENT DROP
8 IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER 12 IN GROUP HOMES. SO
9 I THINK THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR KATIE A.
10 OPERATION. ON THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU'LL SEE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
11 THE NUMBER OF CALLS WE GET IN, AND THAT PRIMARILY IS WHAT
12 DRIVES A LOT OF THE WORK WE DO. THE CALLS GENERATE REFERRALS.
13 SO WE'RE GETTING 15 TO 20,000 CALLS IN PER MONTH. THAT'S UP
14 SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PRIOR YEARS. BUT AS I MENTIONED BEFORE,
15 THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING THAT A NEIGHBOR WILL CALL AND
16 REPORT SOMETHING. WE'LL SEND SOMEONE OUT. THERE WILL BE AN
17 INVESTIGATION. ABOUT 92 PERCENT OF THE TIME OR 93 PERCENT OF
18 THE TIME THE CHILD IS ABLE TO STAY IN THAT HOME. THERE ARE
19 SITUATIONS WHERE CHILDREN ARE REMOVED, AND YOU CAN SEE THOSE
20 PERCENTAGES THERE. IT'S CREPT UP A LITTLE BIT. BUT OVER TIME,
21 IT'S TENDED TO BE BETWEEN 6.8 AND 7.5 PERCENT. NORMALLY ABOUT
22 7 PERCENT. OF ALL THOSE 15 OR 20,000 CALLS PER MONTH, ABOUT 32
23 PERCENT OF THOSE ARE ONES THAT WE HAVE TO GO OUT THAT DAY OR
24 THE NEXT DAY. THERE ARE A NUMBER, ABOUT 50 PERCENT, THAT ARE
25 ONES WE HAVE TO GO OUT WITHIN A WEEK. SO THAT'S A CRITICAL



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1 TIME FRAME FOR US, WHICH REALLY INDICATES THAT WE DON'T SIT ON
2 THESE VERY LONG. THIS NEXT SLIDE IS SOMETHING WE'VE TALKED
3 ABOUT BEFORE JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY. THIS IS THE FIRST
4 PLAN THAT WE'VE HAD IN ABOUT 10 OR 12 YEARS. WE HAD A LOT OF
5 INPUT. WE'VE ALREADY MADE SOME PROGRESS BY COMPLETING 12 OF
6 THE STRATEGIES. WE'RE GOING TO BE RE-VISITING THE PLAN AND
7 UPDATING IT OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS TO ADD SOME NEW
8 THINGS AND PROBABLY DELETE SOME OF THE ONES THAT WE WORKED ON.
9 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS I THINK THAT WE TALKED ABOUT
10 IN THE PAST ARE NEW STAFF. THAT'S CRITICAL TO THE OPERATION.
11 AS YOU CAN SEE, WE HAVE THREE NEW ACADEMIES THAT HAVE ALREADY
12 STARTED THEIR TRAINING. THE MOST CRITICAL THING UP THERE IS
13 THAT SIMULATION LAB. SO WE WENT FROM AN EIGHT-WEEK CLASSROOM
14 TO A 52-WEEK PROGRAM WHICH HAS A RESIDENCY COMPONENT. WE HAVE
15 SIMULATIONS WHERE ALL THE STAFF, ALL THE NEW EMPLOYEES GO
16 THROUGH A TRAINING WHICH WOULD INCLUDE HOW TO PROCESS AN E.R.
17 REFERRAL, HOW TO ESTABLISH A NEW CASE, INTERVIEWING SKILLS,
18 THINGS THAT THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE. AND IT ENDS UP ON WEEK 16
19 WITH DRUG ABUSE. AND THAT'S A CRITICAL FACTOR FOR US IN MANY
20 OF OUR CASES. THESE SIMULATIONS START THE SECOND WEEK THAT AN
21 EMPLOYEE IS ON BOARD. SO I THINK THAT'S A FAR CRY FROM WHAT WE
22 HAD DONE IN THE PAST. THE THIS NEXT SLIDE TALKS ABOUT THE NEW
23 WORKERS THAT WE ARE RECRUITING. WE HAVE HAD A COMPETITIVE
24 BULLETIN. WE'VE HAD 300 OF THE FOLKS MEET MINIMUM
25 REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS FOR THE NEW 150 STAFF THAT WE'LL BE



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1 EMPLOYING. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE INTERVIEWS NEXT WEEK. WE HOPE
2 TO HAVE A NEW ACADEMY ESTABLISHED IN JUST ONE MORE-- WELL, IN
3 JANUARY. THERE'S ALSO, I THINK, A CRITICAL COMPONENT THAT WE
4 TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST, WHICH IS THE POLICY REDESIGN. SO THE
5 COMPANY THAT CASEY HAS WORKED WITH, THEY'VE ALREADY IDENTIFIED
6 AND DEVELOPED OVER 50 NEW POLICIES. EXCUSE ME. THEY'VE TAKEN
7 50 OF THE POLICIES AND CONDENSED THEM DOWN TO A MUCH SMALLER
8 NUMBER. WE GOT A GRANT FROM Q.P.C. TO HOST THIS ON A WEBSITE,
9 AND THAT WEBSITE'S GOING TO BE OPERATIONAL IN JUST A VERY
10 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. WE HOPE TO HAVE ALL OF THOSE POLICIES
11 READY BY JUNE 2014. WE'LL BE UPLOADING THEM AS THEY BECOME
12 AVAILABLE. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE WE'VE HAD A REAL CHALLENGE
13 APPROVING FOSTER HOMES FOR OUR CHILDREN. SO YOU CAN SEE THERE
14 AT THE BOTTOM THAT WE'RE MAKING MORE PROGRESS. WE ARE REALLY
15 PUTTING MORE EFFORT INTO RECRUITING. WE'VE TALKED WITH SOME OF
16 THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY HAVE WORKED IN NEW JERSEY AND HELPED
17 THEM IMPROVE THEIR FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT, SO WE'RE REALLY
18 TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THAT, BUT, FRANKLY, THAT STILL IS A
19 MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR US, JUST FINDING BEDS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.
20 WE DON'T HAVE AS MANY SITUATIONS WHERE WE HAVE AN ANGELIC
21 YOUNG CHILD WHO NEEDS A HOME AS WE DID 10 YEARS AGO. MANY OF
22 THE CHILDREN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVE MAJOR, MAJOR BEHAVIORAL
23 PROBLEMS, AND SO THAT'S CONTRIBUTING TO THIS ISSUE. THIS NEXT
24 SLIDE, I THINK, IS ONE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS
25 AGO. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CONTRACT



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1 MONITORING. YOUR BOARD APPROVED SEVEN STAFF, WHICH WE'VE HIRED
2 ALL BUT ONE. THEY'RE ALREADY IN THE FIELD TO LOOK AT
3 INVESTIGATION REFERRALS. WE'VE ACTUALLY DEVELOPED, WITH THE
4 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, A NEW HANDBOOK. WE'VE WORKED WITH THEM TO
5 DEVELOP A NEW RISK TOOL AND WE'LL HAVE A NEW MONITORING GROUP,
6 WHICH WILL BE 17 OF THE STAFF THAT YOU JUST APPROVED TWO WEEKS
7 AGO, I THINK, WHEN WE HAD THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. THOSE STAFF
8 ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING INTERVIEWED. AND WE'LL BE LOOKING
9 AT THINGS ON A PROACTIVE BASIS IN TERMS OF FINANCIAL POSITION,
10 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CASH EXPENDITURES, TO TRY TO PREVENT
11 OCCURRENCES FROM WHERE A FACILITY GETS TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD
12 AND THEY CAN'T RECOVER FROM A FINANCIAL SITUATION. WE'VE HAD A
13 NUMBER OF CASES WHERE A FACILITY HAS OWED I.R.S. OR THE STATE
14 MORE FUNDS THAN THEY COULD GET OUT OF, SO THEY'VE ACTUALLY
15 GONE BANKRUPT. WE'VE HAD THREE SESSIONS, THREE TRAINING
16 SESSIONS WITH PROVIDERS IN SEPTEMBER AND THE FIRST OF THIS
17 MONTH TO REALLY DESCRIBE AND DISCUSS AND CLARIFY TO THEM WHAT
18 THE EXPECTATIONS ARE FOR THE COUNTY FROM THEM. WE WILL BE
19 REPORTING BACK ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION ABOUT A MORE
20 ROBUST PROGRAM FOR MONITORING, WELL I GUESS IN ABOUT A MONTH.
21 ONE THING I THINK YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN AND YOU KNOW THAT WE
22 CREATED ABOUT A YEAR AGO OVER ON THE U.S.C. PROPERTY A
23 CHILDREN'S WELCOME CENTER. I WAS OVER THERE THIS WEEK. AND I
24 HATE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S NOT HERE, BUT WE HAVE ONE OF THE
25 QUILTS THAT WAS MADE BY THAT GROUP, VERY ATTRACTIVELY FRAMED



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1 SO IF YOU GET A CHANCE, YOU MIGHT DROP BY AND SEE THAT. THAT
2 HANDLES KIDS 12 AND UNDER. WE'RE PROPOSING SOMETHING, AND
3 WE'VE REALLY WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH MS. KATZ AND DR. GALEY
4 TO COME UP WITH A FACILITY RIGHT ACROSS THE WAY, PROBABLY LESS
5 THAN 100 YARDS, WHICH WILL BE ON THAT SAME PROPERTY THAT WILL
6 HANDLE CHILDREN 12 AND UP. WE'RE EXPECTING-- AND I WAS OVER
7 THERE AND THEY WERE REALLY WORKING HARD ON IT NEXT WEEK--
8 WE'RE HOPING THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE BY NOVEMBER, JUST NEXT
9 MONTH. AND I THINK YOU ALL KNOW DR. HAEGER. SHE'S REALLY BEEN
10 VERY, VERY INVOLVED IN THAT AND IS CONTINUING TO DRIVE THAT
11 ISSUE AS MR. FUJIOKA KNOWS. SHE'S VERY PROACTIVE, AND WE'RE
12 WORKING REALLY WELL WITH HER. SOMETHING THAT'S HIT THE NEWS
13 WITHIN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS IS FOSTER CHILDREN AND THEIR
14 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THAT'S SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN WORKING
15 ON. THESE ARE NUMBERS WHICH WE JUST PULLED THE OTHER DAY THAT
16 WE'VE ACTUALLY REFERRED WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS, 4,000
17 KIDS TO HEAD START, WHO ARE IN FOSTER CARE, 1500 OF THOSE WERE
18 ACTUALLY ACCEPTED. WE HAVE MANY STAFF IN SCHOOLS. WE HAVE
19 L.A.C.O.E. IN OUR OFFICES. AND WE'RE TESTING FOR THE SECOND
20 YEAR WITH L.A.U.S.D. AN INFORMATION TRACKING SYSTEM WHICH
21 GIVES US THE ABILITY TO SEE WHAT THEIR GRADES ARE, TO SEE WHO
22 THE TEACHER IS, TO SEE IF THEY'RE GOING TO CLASS, WHICH IS
23 REALLY, REALLY CRITICAL. WE HAVE PILOTS WITH ALL THE OTHER
24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED. POMONA IS THE
25 NEXT ONE THAT'S BEING PLANNED. BUT I THINK THAT WILL BE A



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1 MAJOR VEHICLE FOR US TO HELP IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL
2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR KIDS. FOR A WAIVER, WE TALK ABOUT THAT
3 BECAUSE THAT'S SO CRITICAL. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STILL
4 WORKING ON THAT. 18 COUNTIES ARE IN THE WAIVER, FIVE HAVE JUST
5 DROPPED OUT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR YOU
6 TO KNOW IS THAT FLORIDA, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS JUST GOTTEN
7 THEIR APPROVAL AT A REDUCED RATE FROM WHAT THEY HAD FIVE YEARS
8 AGO. AS SUPERVISOR KNABE KNOWS, WHEN WE WERE BACK IN L.A., WE
9 DID TALK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT WANTING THE SAME
10 TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE NOW, WHICH IS REALLY VERY,
11 VERY HELPFUL TO US. I'M NOT SURE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET
12 THAT. BUT WE ARE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND THE
13 PEOPLE IN D.C., THE COUNTY LOBBYIST, TO SEE TO ADVANCE THE
14 POSITION THAT WE NEED THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND THE
15 SAME COST OF LIVING AS WE HAD IN THE PAST. IN TERMS OF KATIE
16 A., THAT'S A SETTLEMENT THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR OVER 10 YEARS.
17 IT'S A SETTLEMENT WE'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF. ONE OF THE CRITICAL
18 THINGS THAT'S IMPORTANT IS FOR US TO SHOW IN OUR OFFICES THAT
19 WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB. THIS IS JUST A BASELINE GRAPH
20 SHOWING WHERE WE WERE ON SOME METRICS. AND THAT SECOND ROUND
21 SHOWS THE IMPROVEMENT THAT'S BEEN MADE. AND WE'LL NEED TO MOVE
22 TO AN 85 PERCENT OVERALL PRACTICE SCORE IN ORDER TO EXIT KATIE
23 A. WE'RE TALKING WITH THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS AND THE PANEL,
24 AND I HOPE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A TARGET SET THAT WON'T BE 10
25 YEARS OUT, BUT WILL BE AT A MUCH SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME. THIS



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1 IS SOMETHING THAT I'VE TALKED TO THE CHAIR ABOUT THAT I REALLY
2 THINK WAS HELPFUL. AND I KNOW THERE WAS A DISCUSSION IN THIS
3 ROOM SOME WEEKS OR MONTH AGO ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.
4 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS. AND A LARGE NUMBER OF
5 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN GIVEN BY FOLKS LIKE THE
6 CIVIL GRAND JURY, KATIE A., BUREAU OF STATE AUDITS, THE BUREAU
7 OF INDEPENDENT REVIEWS, THE INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS, THE
8 CALIFORNIA BLUE RIBBON, YADA, YADA, YADA. I WAS REALLY
9 IMPRESSED.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I BEG YOUR PARDON? THAT LAST PART
12 OF THAT SENTENCE THERE.

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14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** JUST ON AND ON AND ON.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I SEE.

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18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED THAT 56 PERCENT OF
19 THOSE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND ANOTHER 40 PERCENT
20 WERE IN PROGRESS. THERE ARE 4 PERCENT THAT HAVEN'T BEEN
21 IMPLEMENTED, WHICH I REALLY THINK SPEAKS VERY WELL FOR THE
22 DEPARTMENT, NOT ME PERSONALLY, BUT FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AND
23 MOST OF THOSE THAT HAVEN'T BEEN IMPLEMENTED ARE BECAUSE THERE
24 ARE STATE AND FEDERAL BARRIERS. OKAY. ANOTHER THING THAT THE
25 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, I THINK, HAS DONE, WHICH I WAS REALLY



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1 IMPRESSED WITH, THEY HAVE ACTUALLY INTERVIEWED OVER 220
2 INDIVIDUALS FROM D.C.F.S., MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE. I
3 THINK THAT REALLY SPEAKS TO A NUMBER OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND
4 THEIR INTEREST IN TRYING TO IDENTIFY WHAT ARE THE MOST
5 IMPORTANT THINGS THAT LINE WORKERS BELIEVE ARE NEEDED. CHILD
6 SAFETY IS AN ISSUE. CONTRACTING IS AN ISSUE. HOW DO WE DEFINE
7 CHILD SAFETY? SO THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THERE THAT I
8 THINK ARE IMPORTANT. I SHOULD HAVE STARTED OUT BY SAYING THAT
9 THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS, I THINK, FOR ME ARE TRAINING,
10 TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY. THIS LAST SLIDE TALKS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY.
11 I HOPE WE HAVE THIS LAST SLIDE HERE SOMEWHERE. OKAY. AND I
12 KNOW WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SMART PHONES IN THE PAST. AND I THINK
13 ALL OF US PROBABLY IN THIS ROOM HAVE SOME SMART PHONES. BUT
14 SOME OF THE STAFF HAVE NOT HAD THOSE. AND THEY'VE HAD SOME
15 STATEMENTS THAT WERE SENT IN, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A LOT OF
16 TIME. I WANT TO READ YOU ONE QUOTE. THIS IS ABOUT THE USE OF
17 THEIR NEW PHONES. THIS IS FROM A WORKER IN ONE OF THE OFFICES.
18 "I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE PICTURES DIRECTLY OF RESTRAINING
19 ORDERS, IMMUNIZATION RECORDS OF CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING
20 DETAINED AND PARENTS WHO DON'T HAVE A PICTURE I.D. TO DRUG
21 TEST. THIS HAS HELPED ME DOCUMENT AND RECEIVE CRITICAL
22 INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY WHILE I'M IN THE FIELD WITH THE FAMILY
23 AND DOES NOT PUT MORE OF A BURDEN ON THE FAMILIES THAT WE WORK
24 WITH." HERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE. "I HAD AN INSTANCE WHERE A DRUG
25 TEST RESULT SHOWED THAT THE PARENT WAS A NO SHOW. SHE WAS



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1 READY TO HAVE TO CATCH A BUS AND GO BACK DOWNTOWN. I SAW THE
2 YELLOW SLIP ON THE DRESSER WHICH SHOWED THAT SHE HAD ACTUALLY
3 BEEN TO THE DRUG TEST. I TOOK A PICTURE OF IT AND EMAILED IT
4 TO THE PROVIDER AND SAVED HER PROBABLY FIVE HOURS AND ME
5 SEVERAL HOURS, ALSO." TECHNOLOGY IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL FOR
6 US HAVE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT REALLY SPEAK WELL TO
7 WHAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING. THE NEXT TO THE LAST ONE, THE
8 FAMILY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL, IS SOMETHING THAT WE'VE JUST
9 RECENTLY ACQUIRED WHICH WE HOPE WILL IDENTIFY AND VALIDATE THE
10 FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM THAT WE'VE HAD FOR A NUMBER OF
11 YEARS. THAT LAST ONE IS ADD AN ADVANCED RISK TOOL WHICH WE
12 WANT TO GET STARTED ON WHICH WILL COME BEFORE YOUR BOARD IN
13 JUST A FEW DAYS. I SPOKE WITH SOME OF THE DESIGNERS TODAY. NO
14 OTHER JURISDICTION IN THE COUNTRY HAS ONE, ALTHOUGH FLORIDA
15 JUST SIGNED A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CONTRACT. BUT AFTER TALKING
16 WITH THAT INDIVIDUAL, I'M REALLY CONVINCED THAT THAT CAN MAKE
17 A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE IN HOW WE ASSESS RISK FOR THE CHILDREN
18 FOR WHOM WE ALL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR. I'D LIKE TO JUST
19 LEAVE YOU WITH A QUOTE OUT OF A RECENT CHILD WELFARE DOCUMENT
20 THAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO COMMISSIONER BRIAN SAMUELS." OVER THE
21 PAST 15 YEARS, CHILD WELFARE CASELOADS HAVE DROPPED
22 DRAMATICALLY. THE RESULT IS THAT THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE
23 REMAINED IN FOSTER CARE ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY
24 ABUSE AND NEGLECT THAN THEY HAVE EVER BEEN BEFORE, INCLUDING
25 SEVERE EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS THAT MAKE IT



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1 DIFFICULT TO FIND A PERMANENT HOME FOR THEM." SO THIS JUST
2 VALIDATES THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE CHILDREN WE'RE DEALING
3 WITH TODAY HAVE MANY MORE PROBLEMS THAN THOSE 10 OR 15 YEARS
4 AGO. SO I DO THINK THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING AN AWFUL LOT OF
5 PROGRESS IT'S NOT QUICK. IT'S GOING TO BE SEEN OVER A NUMBER
6 OF YEARS. BUT I THINK THE NEW TRAINING, THE NEW POLICY MANUAL
7 AND THE NEW WAY WE'RE WORKING WITH STAFF AND THE NEW CORE
8 PRACTICE MODEL WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT WILL LAST FOR MANY
9 YEARS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. BROWNING.
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE--

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:**-- HEAD OF D.C.F.S.? SUPERVISOR
17 KNABE, PLEASE?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, GOOD REPORT. I THINK THAT ONE
20 OF THE THINGS THAT STANDS OUT TO ME IS THE 52 WEEKS OF
21 TRAINING AS OPPOSED TO SIX WEEKS IN A CLASSROOM, AND REAL LIFE
22 KINDS OF TRAINING, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A DRAMATIC,
23 POSITIVE IMPACT AND INPUT ON OUR WORKERS. WHAT ABOUT THE WHOLE
24 STATS ISSUE? YOU KNOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE EMPLOYING THE



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1 STATS APPROACH WHEREBY MANAGERS COME TO REGULAR MEETINGS. HOW
2 IS THAT WORKING? CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT A LITTLE ABOUT IT?

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THAT'S GOING REMARKABLY WELL. WE'VE ONLY BEEN
5 DOING THAT ABOUT 12 OR 15 MONTHS. SO I STARTED THAT WHEN I
6 CAME OVER HERE. WE HAVE MORNINGS SET ASIDE ONCE A MONTH WHERE
7 ALL THE SENIOR MANAGERS COME. AND WE LOOK AT STATISTICS. AND
8 SOME PEOPLE DON'T THINK WE HAVE DATA, BUT, FRANKLY, WE'VE GOT
9 WORLDS AND WORLDS OF DATA. AND WE LOOK AT THINGS LIKE THE
10 NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE BY AGE GROUP. THE REOCCURRENCE OF
11 MALTREATMENT, THE REUNIFICATION RATES. WE LOOK AT A WHOLE HOST
12 OF THINGS AND WHAT WE RECENTLY STARTED DOING IS HAVING AT
13 LEAST ONE HOUR SET ASIDE, SO THAT WE ACTUALLY TAKE A CASE
14 APART. WE'LL HAVE THE LOCAL OFFICE THERE AND THEY'LL PRESENT
15 ON THIS SPECIFIC FAMILY AND IT WILL BE SORT OF AN AFTER ACTION
16 REPORT, OR IT WILL DESCRIBE WHAT COULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY. WE
17 HAD ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, GABRIELLA HOLT, COME DOWN AND
18 SPENT THE MORNING. SHE ACTUALLY GAVE UP HER WHOLE MORNING LAST
19 WEDNESDAY, OR A WEEK AGO, TO SPEND WITH US. AND SHE CAME AWAY
20 AND SHE HAD THE MOST POSITIVE COMMENTS OF ANYBODY I'D SEEN
21 ABOUT HOW THIS PROCESS COULD MAKE A DRAMATIC DIFFERENCE IN THE
22 WAY WE DO BUSINESS. I THINK YOU CAN SEE IT IF YOU COME, HOW
23 STAFF ARE ENGAGED. SO THAT'S AT THE EXECUTIVE LEVEL, BUT WE
24 ALSO HAVE IN EACH OFFICE A DATA CHAMPION WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
25 FOR PULLING TOGETHER AT THE LOCAL OFFICE A VERY SIMILAR



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1 PROCESS WHERE THEY TAKE APART A CASE AND SAY WHAT COULD WE
2 HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY? AND YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU HAVE
3 MANY, MANY SMART PEOPLE IN A ROOM THAT THEY'LL COME UP WITH
4 IDEAS THAT HADN'T BEEN THOUGHT OF BEFORE. SO I REALLY THINK
5 IT'S A GREAT PRACTICE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE TO MAKE A POLITICAL COMMENT THAT I
8 HOPE THAT WHATEVER THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION COMES UP WITH,
9 THAT THEY WRAP UP THEIR WORK BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AND I
10 THINK MORE IMPORTANTLY ENHANCE YOUR STRATEGIC PLAN, ALLOW YOU
11 TO PROCEED WITH THAT, A PLAN THAT ALL OF US UP HERE SUPPORTED,
12 AND NOT ATTEMPT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL. AND HOPEFULLY THIS WILL
13 ALL WRAP UP BY THE END OF THE YEAR. BUT THANK YOU TO YOU AND
14 THE STAFF FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE INFORMATION AND KEEPING
15 US IN THE LOOP. I THINK IT REALLY HELPS. SO THANK YOU.

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER PERSONS?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR
24 ANTONOVICH AFTER I ATTACK SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DISCUSSED WHEN WE SPOKE THIS PAST WEEK AT
2 THE I.C.A.N. PROGRAM IN PASADENA. ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS
3 THESE CHILDREN HAVE IS BROKEN FAMILIES. YOU DON'T FIND MANY OF
4 THE ISSUES THAT YOUR STAFF ARE ENCOUNTERING EVERY DAY FROM
5 FAMILIES THAT HAVE A MOTHER AND A FATHER AND A STABILITY. ARE
6 THERE PROGRAMS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO THAT WOULD ENHANCE
7 STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS SO THAT THESE CHILDREN
8 ARE GOING TO HAVE A PARENT THAT ISN'T ABUSING THEM OR BEING A
9 ROLE MODEL THAT ISN'T ADVOCATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OTHER
10 IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIORAL PATTERNS THAT THAT CHILD ENDS UP TO
11 ACCEPT, THINKING IT'S NORMAL AND THEN ENDING UP IN JAIL OR
12 DEAD WHEN THEY'RE OLDER?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS
15 WE'RE DOING. ONE OF WHICH IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHAT WE
16 CALL THE CORE PRACTICE MODEL, WHICH IN MY WAY OF THINKING IS
17 GOING BACK TO THE BASICS WHERE WE'LL ASK THE PARENT AND OTHER
18 PARTIES TO COME TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S THE BEST--
19 WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THAT CHILD OR FAMILY. SO I'VE
20 SEEN A COUPLE OF THOSE WHERE THEY GET THE PARENT, THEY GET THE
21 COACH, THEY GET THE PREACHER, THOSE KIND OF FOLKS AROUND A
22 SETTING AND ASK THE PARENT AND THE CHILD WHAT DO THEY THINK
23 THEY NEED? SO OFTEN WE'VE BEEN DIRECTIVE. WE'VE SAID "HERE'S
24 WHAT YOU NEED AND GO GET IT." SO THE APPROACH THAT WE'RE
25 TAKING-- AND WE STILL NEED COACHING AND TRAINING FOR ALL OF



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1 THE STAFF-- BUT THIS APPROACH GOES BACK TO A FAMILY MODEL, I
2 THINK, WHERE YOU GOT-- YOU HAVE MORE OF AN EXTENDED GROUP THAT
3 CAN HELP. AND ONCE THAT GROUP HAS SOME DECISIONS OR MAKES SOME
4 RECOMMENDATIONS, THEN WE TRY TO GET THOSE INDIVIDUALS EITHER
5 INTO A MENTOR PROGRAM WHERE WE HAVE PARENTS AND PARTNERS WHERE
6 WE CAN HAVE SOME PARENTS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SYSTEM HELP
7 OUT, WE HAVE REFERRAL OPTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
8 HEALTH OR TO OTHER AGENCIES WHICH CAN PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE.
9 I JUST RECENTLY SAW A CONTRACT LAST WEEK WITH THE BOYS CLUB, I
10 THINK, WHERE THEY'VE GOTTEN FUNDING TO BE A MENTOR TO SOME OF
11 OUR FOSTER CHILDREN, WHICH IS REALLY CRITICAL. SO I THINK
12 THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE AVAILABLE,
13 BUT WE REALLY WANT TO DO IT IN A MANNER WHERE THE PARENTS, IF
14 YOU WILL, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT AND THEY
15 NEED INSTEAD OF US JUST TRYING TO FORCE IT DOWN THEIR THROAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW IS THE DEPARTMENT AGGRESSIVELY INCREASING
18 THE NUMBER OF FOSTER FAMILIES AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN THE
19 COUNTY?

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21 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL AS I SAID EARLIER, I THINK THAT'S ONE OF
22 OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES. WE'VE HAD P.S.A.S WE'VE HAD A PERSON
23 THAT I THINK YOU KNOW PRETTY WELL, REVEREND COOMBS WHO HAVE
24 COME TO US WITHIN THE LAST TWO WEEKS SAYING THAT HE WOULD LIKE
25 TO OFFER HIS ASSISTANCE. WE'VE HAD ADOPTION FAIRS AND



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1 RECRUITMENT FAIRS. WE HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF
2 FOSTER HOMES THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE PROCESS
3 WITHIN THE LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, BUT THAT IS STILL A REAL
4 CHALLENGE. WE DON'T PAY THOSE INDIVIDUALS A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT
5 OF MONEY. AND, FRANKLY, PART OF THE COMPLEXITY IS THE
6 VISITATION. JUST THIS WEEK, I HAD A SITUATION WHERE THE COURT
7 HAD ORDERED VISITATION FOR SEVERAL CHILDREN TO THE SAME FOSTER
8 PARENT THREE OR FOUR TIMES A WEEK. AND THAT PRESENTS A UNIQUE
9 CHALLENGE FOR US. HOW DO WE KEEP FOSTER PARENTS IN THE
10 PROGRAM? BECAUSE THIS FOSTER PARENT SAID "LOOK, I CAN'T DO
11 THAT. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO WHAT YOU'RE ASKING." SO
12 WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO WORK WITH THE COURT AND THE ATTORNEYS
13 TO COME TO SOME REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WITH THE FOSTER
14 PARENTS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT THE FOSTER PARENT THAT ONLY HAS
17 ONE OR TWO CHILDREN THAT THEY'RE CARING FOR?

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, THAT WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE WHERE THEY HAD
20 TWO CHILDREN. BUT THEY WERE EXPECTED-- IN THIS CASE I THINK IT
21 WAS AN OFFENDING PARENT, THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE BOTH THOSE
22 CHILDREN THREE TIMES A WEEK TO A FAIRLY DISTANT LOCATION TO
23 HAVE MONITORED VISITS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S CHANGED OVER
24 TIME IS THAT MORE OF OUR FOSTER PARENTS ARE MARRIED COUPLES,
25 IF YOU WILL, WHERE BOTH WORK. THAT'S OKAY IN SOME SITUATIONS,



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1 BUT WE'RE HAVING MORE AND MORE OF A CHALLENGE WHEN WE FIND
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE TO GIVE UP A JOB IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF
3 THE CHILDREN.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY SHOULD KNOW THAT BEFORE THEY'RE--

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7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THEY DO. THEY DO. AND I THINK PART OF THE
8 CHALLENGE HAS BEEN THEY PROBABLY AGREED TO TAKE ONLY ONE, BUT
9 SINCE WE'VE HAD SUCH A HARD TIME FINDING FOSTER PLACEMENTS,
10 WE'VE BEEN ENCOURAGING THE FOSTER PARENTS TO TAKE MORE UNTIL
11 WE GET OVER THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW ARE WE ENGAGING THE FAITH-BASED
14 COMMUNITY?

15

16 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, REVEREND COOMBS IS ONE INDIVIDUAL. WE
17 HAVE AN INITIATIVE IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN THAT'S STRICTLY BASED
18 ON THE FAITH COMMUNITY. AND SO THAT'S AN AREA THAT WE'VE ASKED
19 OUR GROUP TO COME BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. AND I THINK
20 THERE'S AN INITIATIVE THAT'S KICKING OFF NEXT MONTH IN A
21 NUMBER OF CHURCHES TO HAVE PRESENTATIONS AND TO SEE IF WE CAN
22 GET EACH CHURCH TO JUST HELP US WITH ONE FOSTER HOME.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN A PARENT HAS VISITING RIGHTS, WOULD NOT
25 THE PARENT HAVE TO GO TO THE FOSTER PARENTS?



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE COURT ORDERS US TO TAKE THE CHILD, IN
3 MOST CASES. SOMETIMES IT'S TO A NEUTRAL SPOT, BECAUSE
4 OFTENTIMES THE PARENTS, YOU KNOW, THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE
5 PARENTS AND SO YOU CAN'T JUST LEAVE THE CHILD WITH THE PARENT
6 AND COME BACK IN TWO HOURS. SO YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE THEM TO A
7 LOCATION AND HAVE A MONITORED VISIT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT AT THE CONFERENCE ON, WAS IT MONDAY, WHEN
10 WE SPOKE? LAST WEEK. JUDGE NASH WAS THERE. IS HE AWARE OF THIS
11 PROBLEM?

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13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** HE IS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES HE ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE BENCH THAT
16 HE SUPERVISES?

17

18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK THERE IS PROBABLY A DIFFERENCE
19 OF OPINION IN HOW MUCH VISITATION IS REASONABLE. I THINK THE
20 COURT AND THE ATTORNEYS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE VISITATION AT EVERY
21 OPPORTUNITY AND WE WOULD, TOO. THE PROBLEM IS THAT'S A
22 LOGISTICAL CHALLENGE FOR US. AND PART OF THAT IS MADE MORE
23 DIFFICULT BY WHERE THE FOSTER HOMES ACTUALLY EXIST.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE COURT SHOULD HAVE THAT GEOGRAPHIC
2 UNDERSTANDING SO THAT THEY'RE DEALING WITH REALITY AND NOT
3 SOME HYPOTHETICAL IDEA.

4

5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I AGREE 100 PERCENT, SUPERVISOR. THAT'S
6 STILL-- WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO TO GET THE COURT AND WE ON
7 THE SAME WAVELENGTH IN THAT REGARD. WE TALKED WITH OUR
8 ATTORNEYS, AND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE PUSH BACK AND SAY
9 "JUDGE, IS THIS REALISTIC? HOW CAN WE DO THIS "?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES THE COUNTY LAWYERS AGGRESSIVELY
12 PURSUE THAT?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THEY DO, BUT VERY SELDOM DO WE WIN.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO THEY APPEAL IT, THEN?

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18 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE APPEAL SOME.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN APPEAL THOSE THAT YOU FEEL THERE'S
21 BEEN AN INJUSTICE, NOT WE APPEAL SOME. IF ONLY SOME ARE THE
22 ONES THAT YOU FEEL YOU WEREN'T JUSTIFIED IN HAVING THAT TYPE
23 OF ORDER, FINE. BUT IF THERE ARE MORE THAN JUST A FEW, APPEAL
24 THOSE.

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE CHILD. AND IF THE CHILD
4 DOESN'T HAVE, HE OR SHE DOESN'T HAVE THAT NURTURING LOVE AND
5 SUPPORT AT THAT AGE, THEY END UP IN THE MORGUE OR ON THE
6 STREETS OR TRAFFICKING.

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8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** EXACTLY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YESTERDAY, FATHER BOYLE, WE SPOKE TO THE
11 GRANDPARENTS WHO ADOPT AND FAMILY WHO ADOPTS. SO OF THE 35,
12 36,000 IN FOSTER, UNDER YOUR DEPARTMENT, 15,000 ARE IN FOSTER
13 CARE? AND WHAT NUMBER ARE WITH FAMILY?

14

15 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ABOUT 52 PERCENT ARE WITH RELATIVES. SO THE
16 MAJORITY OF THOSE THAT ARE NOT WITH THEIR PARENTS ARE WITH A
17 RELATIVE. WE REALLY WORKED WELL WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
18 BECAUSE THEY'VE HELPED US GET QUICKER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
19 CHECKS BECAUSE WE CAN'T PLACE A CHILD WITH YOU UNLESS WE KNOW
20 YOU HAVE A GOOD CRIMINAL HISTORY. AND SOMETIMES IT'S BEEN
21 VERY, VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET THOSE CRIMINAL HISTORIES IN
22 A TIMELY MANNER. SO WE'VE REALLY WORKED WELL WITH JERRY POWERS
23 AND HIS GROUP. THEY'VE BEEN A GOOD PARTNER IN THAT RESPECT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IS IT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR THE
2 PROBATION DEPARTMENT?

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4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, ANY OF THEM CAN GIVE US THE
5 INFORMATION. I THINK WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'RE PAYING PROBATION
6 \$400,000, SO THEY'RE NOT DOING IT OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR
7 HEART. WE'RE PAYING THEM TO DO THAT. BUT WE WOULD RATHER PAY
8 ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FORGET ABOUT PAYING. GETTING THE INFORMATION.
11 ARE YOU AGGRESSIVELY RECEIVING THE INFORMATION IN A TIMELY
12 MANNER, OR DO YOU STILL RUN INTO A BUREAUCRATIC DILEMMAS?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE DON'T RUN INTO A BUREAUCRATIC DILEMMA WHEN
15 WE GO AND ASK THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. THAT'S NOT A 24/7
16 OPERATION. THAT'S AN EVENING AND WEEKEND OPERATION. SO WE
17 STILL HAVE SOME CHALLENGES DURING THE DAY, BUT I THINK WE'VE
18 WORKED HARDER OVER THE LAST--

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PROBLEM DURING THE DAY THAT YOU
21 DON'T HAVE AN EVENING TIME?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL MOST OF THE REPORTS HAVE TO GO THROUGH
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN SACRAMENTO. SO THAT'S A PAPER
25 PROCESS. IT'S NOT AUTOMATED. WE AGREED TO PAY THEM 400,000



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1 WHEN I FIRST CAME OVER HERE IF THEY WOULD GIVE US QUICKER
2 ACCESS, THEY SAID THEY WOULDN'T DO IT. SO, ANYWAY, I DON'T
3 WANT TO SAY IT'S AN IMPOSITION, BUT IT'S NOT THE FULL-TIME JOB
4 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO GIVE US THOSE DOCUMENTS. BUT WE DO HAVE
5 GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THEY GIVE US
6 THOSE AS QUICKLY AS THEY CAN, BUT THEY HAVE OTHER
7 RESPONSIBILITIES, TOO.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, BUT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
10 RESPONSIBILITY. AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT IF THEY CAN'T DO
11 IT, WE HAVE AN AGENCY WE CAN GO TO TO RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION
12 BECAUSE THAT CHILD IS VULNERABLE. WE'VE HAD TOO MANY DEATHS OF
13 CHILDREN AND TOO MANY ABUSED CHILDREN WHO ARE MENTALLY
14 DESTROYED SO WHEN THEY GROW UP, THEY END UP CREATING PROBLEMS
15 FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. DO YOU HAVE A BACKLOG NOW?

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE DO NOT HAVE A BACKLOG NOW. SO THIS DEAL
18 WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT IS REALLY WORKING WELL. WE CAN
19 FIND THE FUNDING AND THEY'RE IN AGREEMENT, WE'LL TRY AND SEE
20 IF WE CAN EXPAND THAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU HAVE A BACKLOG WITH THE STATE?

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IF WE RUN INTO A CHALLENGE, NO. BECAUSE WE
2 RUN INTO A CHALLENGE WITH THE STATE, WE'LL TRY TO GET IT
3 THROUGH PROBATION.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU SAID PROBATION ALSO GIVES YOU
6 INFORMATION, BUT THEN YOU HAVE TO SEND IT TO THE STATE?

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** NO, NO. WE'VE GOT TWO OPTIONS. ONE OF WHICH
9 IS TO SEND IT TO THE STATE, WHICH IS WHAT THE STATE WANTS US
10 TO DO. AND WHAT IS MECHANISM THAT THE STATE HAS PROVIDED FOR
11 WE HAVE THIS OTHER OPTION WHICH WE HAVE JUST WORKED OUT A FEW
12 MONTHS AGO WITH PROBATION FOR AFTER HOURS AND WEEKENDS WHEN
13 THE STATE ISN'T OPEN SO THAT WE CAN GET THOSE DONE QUICKLY.
14 BUT IF WE GET INTO A JAM, WE'LL SEND THEM OVER TO PROBATION
15 DURING THE DAY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU GET THE SAME TURNAROUND FROM THE STATE
18 AS YOU DO FROM PROBATION?

19

20 **PHILIP BROWNING:** NO.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T YOU WORK WITH PROBATION FOR A
23 CONTRACT SO THEY'RE 24/7 BECAUSE THESE KIDS NEED 24/7
24 SUPERVISION.

25



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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** RIGHT. IT'S A MONEY ISSUE. IF WE GET A
2 BACKLOG, WE WILL DO EXACTLY WHAT YOU SUGGEST. AND THEY'VE
3 AGREED THAT THEY'LL EXPAND IT IF WE HAVE A REAL NEED. BUT
4 RIGHT NOW, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET THOSE THROUGH THE STATE AND
5 THOSE THROUGH PROBATION IN A TIMELY MANNER. SO WE'RE NOT
6 BACKLOGGED. AND CYNTHIA MCCOY- MILLER, WHO IS THE SENIOR
7 DEPUTY HERE WHO I THINK I DIDN'T INTRODUCE, SHE'S RESPONSIBLE
8 FOR THE CONTRACT WITH PROBATION AND REALLY HELPED US GET THAT
9 THROUGH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU, MR.
12 CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OTHER MEMBERS, QUESTIONS
15 FOR MR. BROWNING?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PHILIP, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE CHILD DEATH
22 RATE HAS BEEN FOR KIDS UNDER OUR JURISDICTION OVER THE LAST
23 YEAR OR PERIOD OF TIME? COMPARABLE PERIOD OF TIME?

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1 **PHILIP BROWNING:** IT'S REALLY COME DOWN OVER THE LAST TWO OR
2 THREE YEARS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE THAT TO? WELL I WOULD
5 SAY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS DONE A
6 GOOD JOB. I MEAN I DO THINK THAT SAFETY-- WE'RE PUTTING A
7 PRIORITY ON SAFETY. AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN SOME-- ABOUT
8 SAFETY. BUT WHAT I'VE TOLD STAFF IS THAT WHEN THEY LEAVE A
9 CHILD IN EITHER THEIR HOME OR A FOSTER HOME OR WHEREVER, I
10 WANT THEM TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT. IF THEY FEEL SOMETHING IN THE
11 PIT OF THEIR STOMACH, THEY NEED TO CALL THEIR SUPERVISOR AND
12 RETHINK WHERE THAT KID IS PLACED. SO OUR DETENTIONS HAVE GONE
13 UP A LITTLE BIT, I'LL BE HONEST. PHONE CALLS HAVE INCREASED.
14 DETENTIONS HAVE GONE UP SLIGHTLY. AND I DO THINK THERE'S BEEN
15 A HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE
16 SAFE. OUR FIRST GOAL IS SAFETY. BUT I GUESS A PARALLEL GOAL IS
17 TO ENSURE THAT WE TRY AND KEEP THAT CHILD IN THEIR OWN FAMILY.
18 BUT MOST OF THE FATALITIES, 95 PERCENT, OCCUR NOT IN A FOSTER
19 HOME, NOT IN A GROUP HOME, NOT IN A RELATIVE'S HOME, BUT WHERE
20 WE'RE TRYING TO REUNITE THE CHILD WITH THEIR FAMILY, AND THAT
21 IS SO TRAGIC.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND I THINK THAT'S A STATISTIC THAT IS
24 EXTRAORDINARILY COMPELLING, AND IT SEEMS TO BE IGNORED, WIDELY
25 IGNORED BY PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO BE ADVOCATES FOR THE CHILDREN.



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1 THIS IS A STATISTIC THAT DOESN'T LIE. IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE. I
2 THINK WE NEED TO GET UNDERNEATH THAT AND UNDERSTAND MORE THE
3 REASONS FOR WHY THAT HAPPENS. BUT IN TERMS OF SLIGHT INCREASE
4 IN DETENTIONS, TO DO OTHERWISE, AS WAS THE CASE FOR A NUMBER
5 OF YEARS HERE, THE CONSEQUENCES WERE REFLECTED IN THE
6 STATISTICS. .JUDGE NASH THE OTHER DAY REPEATED HIS OFTEN
7 STATED CRITICISM OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE NUMBER OF
8 DETENTIONS THAT YOU ARE MAKING. WHAT HE FAILED TO ADDRESS--
9 AND HAS REPEATEDLY FAILED TO ADDRESS-- IS, WHAT IS IT? ABOUT
10 98 PERCENT OF THE CASES, THE DETENTION CASES THAT ARE BROUGHT
11 TO HIS COURT ARE APPROVED?

12

13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** 90 PERCENT. THAT'S STILL VERY, VERY HIGH.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, IT IS.

16

17 **PHILIP BROWNING:** TO GO TO A COURT AND GET A 90 PERCENT. IF I
18 COULD HAVE GOTTEN 90 PERCENT PERCENT ON ALL MY SCHOOL WORK, I
19 WOULDN'T BE HERE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEITHER ONE OF US WOULD BE, WOULD BE HERE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO 90 PERCENT OF THE CASES WHERE YOU
2 DETAINED A CHILD, THE COURT HAS TO APPROVE THOSE DETENTIONS,
3 IS THAT CORRECT?

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5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE COURT HAS TO APPROVE EVERY DETENTION. WE
6 CAN'T JUST GO OFF AND DO IT ON OUR OWN. SO WE FILE THE
7 PAPERWORK. WE TAKE IT TO THE JUDGE. NOT JUDGE NASH PERSONALLY
8 BUT TO A JUDGE. THE JUDGE EITHER SAYS, "OKAY" OR "NO, YOU NEED
9 TO GO BACK AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND THIS KID REALLY SHOULDN'T
10 STAY THERE," AND THAT IS A VERY HIGH NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT
11 THEY ARE SAYING-- THE JUDICIARY IS SAYING-- SHOULD BE
12 DETAINED. AND IN CONTRAST TO WHAT JUDGE NASH SAID THE OTHER
13 DAY, I HAVE TRANSCRIPTS IN MY OFFICE THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO ME
14 BY JUDICIAL OFFICERS WHO HAVE SAID "THIS CHILD SHOULD HAVE
15 BEEN DETAINED AND YOU'RE NOT ASKING THIS CHILD TO BE
16 DETAINED."

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THE JUDGES IN SOME CASES ARE ORDERING DETENTION.

19

20 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THE JUDGE IS ORDERING IN THE COURTROOM.
21 THAT'S OUR FAULT. WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR THE JUDGE TO DETAIN
22 THE CHILD. BUT I THINK THE WORKER, FOR SOME REASON OR ANOTHER,
23 DIDN'T ASK FOR THE CHILD TO BE DETAINED, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES
24 WERE SUCH THAT WHEN THE JUDGE READ THE MATERIAL, THE JUDGE
25 SAID, "THIS KID NEEDS TO BE DETAINED AND I'M GOING TO DO IT



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1 TODAY." SO THEY OVERRULED THE DEPARTMENT, AND I'M GLAD THEY
2 DID. AND SO THE JUDGE, MORE THAN ONE, SENT THOSE TO ME AND
3 SAID, "LOOK, PHILIP, YOU NEED TO MAKE-- I WANT TO MAKE SURE
4 YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU NEED TO NOT FEEL SO BAD ABOUT
5 DETAINING AS MANY KIDS AS YOU ARE." AND THAT WAS JUST ONE
6 EXAMPLE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. THAT'S INTERESTING. I WASN'T AWARE OF
9 THIS LAST BIT OF INFORMATION. BUT I THINK THE 90 PERCENT
10 FIGURE IS-- SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. AND THE JUDGES ARE IN JUDGE
11 NASH'S COURT. THESE ARE ALL JUDGES UNDER HIS SUPERVISION.

12

13 **PHILIP BROWNING:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY HEAR THE FACTS, THEY HEAR THE
16 TESTIMONY UNDER OATH, THEY SEE THE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE PREPARED
17 UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY. AND THEY'VE RULED 9 OUT OF 10 CASES.

18

19 **PHILIP BROWNING:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN FAVOR OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE. AND NOW YOU'RE
22 SAYING THAT THERE ARE SOME WHERE YOU HAVEN'T MADE THOSE
23 DETENTIONS WHERE THE JUDGES ARE CALLING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION
24 AND ARE OVERRULING YOU AND ARE DETAINING PEOPLE. SO THERE'S
25 SOME KIND OF AN APPARENT DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE SUPERVISING



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1 JUDGE AND THE SUPERVISEES, THE JUDGES UNDER HIM. SO I THINK
2 THAT STORY'S GOT TO-- IT'S NOT COMING OUT TO THE SO-CALLED
3 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. THIS WAS A KANGAROO COURT LAST WEEK.
4 BUT THE FACTS HAVE TO COME OUT. ANY REPORT THAT IS BASED ON
5 THIS KIND OF A ONE-SIDED, ALMOST PROPAGANDISTIC PRESENTATION
6 IS NOT GOING TO BE WORTH THE PAPER IT'S WRITTEN ON, AND I
7 SUSPECT WOULD BE DEAD ON ARRIVAL HERE. THEY NEED TO GET THE
8 WHOLE BROAD CROSS SECTION OF FACTS AND POINTS OF VIEW AND
9 OPINIONS.

10

11 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I DO THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART,
12 SUPERVISOR, IS THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD A PERSON WHO
13 WAS ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS JUST LIKE YOU'RE DOING TO ME, SO I
14 CAN'T JUST MAKE A PRESENTATION AND WALK OFF THE STAGE WITHOUT
15 THERE BEING A KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY
16 KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON. AND SO I DO THINK THERE
17 IS ROOM FOR US TO IMPROVE ON THE INFORMATION THAT GETS TO THE
18 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION. I HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK
19 WITH THEM. BUT I HOPE TO HAVE THAT PRETTY SOON. AND HOPEFULLY
20 CLARIFY SOME THINGS SO THAT THEY ALL KNOW WHAT I BELIEVE THE
21 CURRENT ACCURATE FACTS ARE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. WELL I WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THE LACK
24 OF QUESTIONING FROM THE COMMISSIONERS. AND THERE ARE SEVERAL
25 THERE WHO DO KNOW AND WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE, FAR MORE



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1 KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN I, INCLUDING THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.
2 BUT THE SILENCE WAS DEAFENING. SO MAYBE THAT'S JUST THAT
3 MEETING. AND MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING MORE COMING DOWN THE
4 ROAD. I HOPE THAT'S THE CASE. BECAUSE I KNOW THE CHAIR OF THAT
5 COMMISSION TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND FAIR. SO I EXPECT TO SEE
6 THAT REFLECTED IN MAYBE THE NEXT SET OF WITNESSES. ANYWAY, I
7 APPRECIATE THE PRESSURE THE DEPARTMENT IS UNDER, BUT I DO
8 THINK THAT THE STORY OF REDUCED CHILD DEATHS, I MEAN MOST OF
9 THE CHILD DEATHS WE'RE READING ABOUT-- A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF
10 THEM ARE NOT RECENT. SOME OF THEM ARE, BUT MOST OF THEM
11 AREN'T. AND THE STATISTICS-- AND THIS IS WHY I FEEL SO
12 STRONGLY ABOUT THE WAY YOU'RE APPROACHING THE DEPARTMENT,
13 LETTING THE STATISTICS DICTATE YOUR POLICY, NOT YOUR GUT
14 EXCLUSIVELY AND NOT A POLITICAL PRESSURE, I HOPE. BUT THE
15 STATS. AND GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE-- EVEN GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE
16 USED STATISTICS TO INFORM THEIR POLICIES, THE POLICY
17 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES, HAVE COME TO FIND THAT THERE'S A
18 RETURN ON THAT INVESTMENT. IT WAS CERTAINLY THE CASE IN SAN
19 FRANCISCO. IT IS CERTAINLY THE CASE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE
20 COUNTRY. IT WAS CERTAINLY THE CASE OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
21 DEPARTMENT. THE CURRENT MAYOR IS NOW TRYING TO EXPAND THAT TO
22 OTHER DEPARTMENTS. AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS IN THAT SAME VEIN.
23 AND I THINK IT HAS TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT. IT MAY NOT BE
24 SUFFICIENT AT THE END OF THE DAY, BUT IT HAS TO MOVE THE DIAL
25 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FROM WHERE IT'S BEEN BECAUSE THERE'S



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1 BEEN-- JUDGING FROM WHERE THE DEPARTMENT MADE ITS INVESTMENTS
2 AND DEPLOYED ITS RESOURCES, BOTH FINANCIAL AND HUMAN
3 RESOURCES, THERE SEEM TO BE NO LOGICAL-- NO LOGIC BEHIND THOSE
4 DECISIONS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN
5 TRYING TO ADDRESS THAT, AND THE SOONER THE BETTER. AND THAT'S
6 SOMETHING WHICH LET THE FACTS DICTATE.

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8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ALSO NICK SABIN, THE COACH OF UNIVERSITY OF
9 ALABAMA ALSO BELIEVES IN DATA.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT, PHILIP. AND WE'RE NOW
12 INTO THE B.C.S. PART OF THE FALL, SO BE CAREFUL. [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** REAL GOOD.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NICK SABIN IS A FINE COACH AND A VERY FINE
17 RECRUITER, HOWEVER HE DOES THAT, I DON'T KNOW. ANYWAY, THANK
18 YOU, PHILIP. PROBABLY WILL.

19

20 **PHILIP BROWNING:** HOPEFULLY SO.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR
23 COMMENTS FOR MR. BROWNING?

24

25 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. APPRECIATE IT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** JUST A QUESTION FOR YOU IN TERMS OF
3 YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT BEFORE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION.
4 HAS THE INVITATION BEEN EXTENDED TO YOU OR THE DEPARTMENT TO
5 DO SO?

6

7 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'VE ASKED. THEY HAVE A MEETING NEXT MONDAY
8 I'VE ASKED IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY THERE. THEY HAVE A PRETTY
9 FULL AGENDA, I UNDERSTAND. HOPEFULLY--

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** HAS YOUR DEPARTMENT BEEN EXTENDED
12 AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO DATE?

13

14 **PHILIP BROWNING:** YES, WE DID, WE AND MENTAL HEALTH. I WASN'T
15 ABLE MYSELF.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO BE THERE. BUT
18 THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO PRESENT WAS AFFORDED, BUT YOU WERE
19 OUT OF TOWN, CORRECT?

20

21 **PHILIP BROWNING:** CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I THINK THE RECORD SHOULD REFLECT
24 THAT, OTHERWISE AN IMPRESSION MAY OTHERWISE BE GIVEN THAT SUCH
25 AN INVITATION WASN'T EXTENDED. AND MY HOPE IS-- AND PERHAPS



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1 YOU HAVE INFORMATION TO THAT EFFECT-- IS THAT THE OPPORTUNITY
2 WILL BE AFFORDED YOU TO SPEAK TO THE ISSUES THE COMMISSION AND
3 YOURSELF DEEM APPROPRIATE. MIGHT I REMIND THE BOARD AND ALL
4 WHO ARE UNDER MY VOICE LISTENING TO THIS, THIS IS NOT, THAT
5 IS, THE BLUE RIBBON'S COMMISSION FOCUS IS NOT ABOUT THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES EXCLUSIVELY. MR.
7 BROWNING, YOU AND I HAVE HAD THAT CONVERSATION ON MORE THAN
8 ONE OCCASION, MOST RECENTLY LAST WEEK IN MY OFFICE. AND SO NOT
9 ONLY HAS IT BEEN THE CASE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
10 FAMILY SERVICES HAS BEEN INVITED TO MAKE ITS PRESENTATION, BUT
11 OTHER DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH FOSTER CHILDREN IN ANY
12 SHAPE, FORM OR FASHION HAVE BEEN AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO
13 SHARE THEIR POINT OF VIEW SO THAT THERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE
14 VIEW, ANALYSIS AND REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO SAYS
15 THE MOTION EMPANELLING THE BOARD; THAT IS, THE COMMISSION.
16 THAT IS FULLY WHAT I WOULD HOPE TO SEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF
17 THEIR WORK. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT
18 SUCH IS THE CASE. AND ANY SUCH OPPORTUNITY THAT MEMBERS OF THE
19 BOARD HAVE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONERS,
20 THEY SHOULD BE INVITED TO DO SO SO THAT WE GET THE BEST
21 POSSIBLE QUALITY PROJECT IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN AND
22 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS IN HANDLING
23 THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AND VULNERABLE POPULATION THAT WE
24 ARE OBLIGED TO SERVE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. ALL RIGHT?
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **PHILIP BROWNING:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. BROWNING. THERE ARE SEVERAL
5 PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. AND WE WILL INVITE THEM AT THIS
6 POINT IN TIME. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. NAGI ELHADARY
7 PATRICK O'ROURKE. AND JOHN WALSH. MR. PREVEN PLEASE PROCEED.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
10 DISTRICT 3. I HAVE TO APPLAUD THE BOARD FOR DISCUSSING THIS
11 ISSUE OUT IN THE PUBLIC. IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR FROM
12 THE OFTEN QUIET MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND MR. KNABE, AND CERTAINLY
13 FROM THE CHAIR AND EVEN MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I KNOW MISS MOLINA
14 IS NOT HERE NOW. BUT LET'S BE VERY CLEAR. THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ROLE
16 AND IT IS NOT A NEW PROBLEM THAT WE ARE FACING. SO I THINK BY
17 HAVING TWO GROUPS WORKING ON IT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE
18 DIRECTOR BROWNING'S REWORK AS ENVISIONED BY THE TEAM TO MY
19 LEFT AND OF COURSE THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN
20 SET UP BY, WELL, THE WHOLE BOARD, BUT I DON'T THINK
21 EVERYBODY'S IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THAT'S THE WAY TO GO.
22 WE'VE HEARD THEM DESCRIBE IT AS ACTIVITY INSTEAD OF
23 ACHIEVEMENT. AND I'VE COME OUT AND SAID I THINK IT'S GREAT.
24 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A DIALOGUE AND TO
25 RAISE THESE ISSUES. IF JUDGE NASH IS SAYING ONE THING AND THE



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1 UNDER JUDGES ARE SAYING ANOTHER THING, WE NEED TO GET TO THE
2 BOTTOM OF THAT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. I CAN ONLY SPEAK TO MY
3 PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IS THAT I WENT CONCERNED TO THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DETENTION HAD GONE ON AND ON
5 AND THE PARENTS SEEMED SANE TO ME OR SANE ENOUGH BECAUSE
6 PEOPLE HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, 10 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, WE
7 CERTAINLY DON'T WANT 10 PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE, BUT
8 NONETHELESS, I WENT THERE, THE JUDGE SAID THIS IS RIDICULOUS.
9 LET'S GET SOME REUNIFICATION. LET'S GET THESE PEOPLE. THERE'S
10 NOT A DANGER HERE. LET'S GET THEM TOGETHER AND LET'S DO IT IN
11 AN UNBIASED SETTING BECAUSE D.C.F.S. HAS PROBLEMS WITH THIS
12 PERSON. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF ALLEGATIONS, AS YOU ALL KNOW,
13 AND JOHN KRATTLI CAN CERTAINLY ATTEST ABOUT RETALIATION FOR
14 PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE WHAT THE SOCIAL WORKER OR D.C.F.S. SAYS.
15 WELL THEN TAKE A LITTLE MORE. AND THAT'S A BAD, BAD STORY,
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT. AND WHEN I WENT
17 TO THIS LITTLE HEARING, THE JUDGE SAID OUTRIGHT. "LET'S GET
18 THEM INTO A ROOM WITH NEUTRAL PEOPLE." GUESS WHAT HAPPENED?
19 D.C.F.S. FOUGHT IT AND FOUGHT IT AND IT NEVER HAPPENED. IT'S
20 SO PAINFUL, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE TWO CAMPS. WE HAVE THE
21 CHEERLEADERS AND WE HAVE THE FOLKS WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE
22 CHILD DEATH RATE, BUT WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY
23 TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AND POINTING FIGURES AND HIDING DATA
24 WILL NEVER CUT IT, AND THAT'S WHY I ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCLOSE
25 THIS INFORMATION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. PREVEN?

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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8 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YES, THE SECRET MEETINGS OF THE D.C.F.S.
9 PANEL, THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AS YOU CALL IT, WHICH YOU
10 DON'T CONSIDER A REAL PANEL, MANY OF YOU AND ARE NOT TAKING
11 THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SECRETIVE. THEY WERE NOT PUBLISHED. I
12 BARELY ATTENDED THIS FIRST MEETING THAT HAS BEEN APPARENTLY
13 THE FIFTH OR SOMETHING MEETING. AND MANY OF THE DATA THAT WAS
14 GIVEN THE BOARD CONTRADICTED WHAT THIS MAN SAID THEY
15 CONTRADICTED. IN OTHER WORDS, HE LEFT OUT KEY INFORMATION AND
16 MADE SUPPOSITIONS BASED ON OMISSIONS. ONE OF THEM WAS THAT THE
17 REUNIFICATION PROCESS IS THE PROBLEM WITH D.C.F.S.. THE FACT
18 THAT THEY DO NOT REUNIFY PARENTS CAUSES MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
19 IN THESE CHILDREN. THEY ARE SENT IN THERE WITH GANG BANGERS
20 AND OTHER PROBATION KIDS, MANY A TIMES. I KNOW THIS BACK IN
21 THE DAY WHEN IT WAS RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,
22 D.P.S.S. MANY OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS WENT INTO D.C. F.S. AND
23 THEY CARRIED THE SAME PREJUDICES, THE SAME RETALIATORY
24 ATTITUDE AND THE SAME IDEA THAT MEDICATION CAN SOLVE
25 EVERYTHING THEY CAUSED MANY OF THE PROBLEMS. THAT WAS THE



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1 ANALYSIS AND THE SUPPOSITION AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE MAJOR
2 PRESENTER THERE. THE FACT THAT THESE RIBBON COMMISSIONS ARE
3 NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF BROWN ACT.
4 IT'S A DIRECT SLAP IN THE FACE OF THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN
5 THAT HAVE BROUGHT CASES BEFORE THIS BOARD. AND IT IS A DIRECT
6 VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED ITSELF TO
7 BE OPEN AND CARING, AND IT IS INSTEAD CONTEMPTUOUS AND
8 PROVOCATIVE. MANY OF THE INFORMATION THAT IS BEING PRESENTED
9 TO THIS BOARD IS CONTRARY TO THAT, AND I ASK THAT THE BOARD
10 PUBLISH THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE
11 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION SO IT CAN BE COMPARED, SO THE PUBLIC
12 CAN MAKE THEIR OWN CONCLUSION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'LL
15 DIRECT YOU TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE AS WELL AS
16 THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA, WHICH IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD.
17 SO YOU SHOULD ACCESS THAT ACCORDINGLY, MR. O'ROURKE. SIR?

18

19 **NAGI ELHADARY:** MY NAME IS NAGI ELHADARY. MY PHONE NUMBER IS
20 323-608-8227. ALL THE INFORMATION I'M ABOUT TO PROVIDE YOU IS
21 ALSO CAN BE FOUND ON INDIGOGO.COM/JUSTICE FOR TINO. THIS IS MY
22 SON TINO. HE WAS WRONGFULLY TAKEN BY D.C.F.S. IN APRIL 2010.
23 THESE BOOKS I HAVE BEFORE ME EXPLAIN EVERYTHING AND SHOW ALL
24 THE EVIDENCE THAT SHOW MY SON WAS WRONGFULLY TAKEN. I ASK TO
25 LEAVE THESE BOOKS TODAY WITH PHILIP BROWNING TO REVIEW. MR.



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1 BROWNING MENTIONED SAFETY. NUMBER ONE THING IN SAFETY SHOULD
2 BE RETURNING WRONGFULLY TAKEN CHILDREN. THESE BOOKS HERE SHOW
3 MY SON WAS WRONGFULLY TAKEN. TRAINING? THE D.C.F.S. WORKER
4 THAT WRONGFULLY DETAINED MY SON TESTIFIED, AFTER BEING REMOVED
5 FROM D.C.F.S., TO NEVER GOING TO THE ACADEMY TO BEING A
6 D.C.F.S. WORKER. I HAVE THAT ALSO HERE, THE TRANSCRIPTS OF HER
7 TESTIMONY. DONNA YOKOYAMA, WHO IS HEAD OF REGION 7 RIGHT NOW
8 WAS ACTUALLY HEAD OF THE CHATSWORTH OFFICE OF D.C.F.S. OFFICE
9 WHEN MY SON WAS WRONGFULLY DETAINED. SHE AGREED MY SON WAS
10 WRONGFULLY DETAINED BACK IN 2010 AND WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK MY
11 SON WAS TAKEN, SHE PROMISED MY SON WOULD BE WITH ME IN WITHIN
12 A COUPLE OF WEEKS. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS AND I STILL I HAVEN'T
13 GOTTEN MY SON BACK. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE I SEEN HIM. I
14 TALK TO HIM OVER THE PHONE, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN MY SON.. YOU'RE
15 KILLING MY SON. D.C.F.S. IS KILLING MY SON. I ASKED THAT MR.
16 BROWNING SIT DOWN WITH ME TODAY OR TAKE THESE BOOKS OFF MY
17 HANDS AND REVIEW THEM AS ANTONIA JIMENEZ DID WHEN SHE WAS HEAD
18 OF D.C.F.S. AND DO WHAT SHE DID, SAID THAT SHE WAS GOING TO DO
19 IN RETURNING MY SON LIKE SHE SAID SHE WAS. I WAS ALSO TOLD
20 THAT WHEN I DID HAVE REUNIFICATION SERVICES THAT I WASN'T
21 ALLOWED TO SEE MY SON IN A MOSQUE BECAUSE MUSLIMS ARE
22 DANGEROUS, I WAS TOLD, THAT WAS ON THE RECORD. I'D LIKE TO
23 JUST FINISH REAL QUICK. RESTRAINING ORDERS WERE TAKEN OUT
24 AGAINST ME WHILE MY D.C.F.S. CASE WAS OPEN TO PREVENT ME FROM
25 GOING TO THE D.C.F.S. OFFICES TO RECEIVE REUNIFICATION



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1 SERVICES. I'VE NOT SEEN MY SON FOR 15 MONTHS. I'VE DONE EVERY
2 SINGLE THING ANYBODY COULD IMAGINE, ANY PARENT SHOULD HAVE TO
3 DO TO SEE THEIR CHILD. MY SON HAS BEEN PUT INTO A POSITION
4 RIGHT NOW WHERE HE IS NOT SAFE, WHERE HE IS NOT SAFE. AND I
5 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEBODY HERE FROM D.C.F.S. TODAY THAT
6 MIGHT BE ABLE TO SIT AND TALK WITH ME, REVIEW THESE BOOKS SO
7 THEY COULD SEE THAT MY SON WAS WRONGFULLY TAKEN AND SO THEY
8 COULD TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY. I'D LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS
9 COMMISSION THAT OVERSEES D.C.F.S., THE BLUE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MAY I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT YOUR TIME
12 HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINAL
13 SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
16 AND I WAS AT THAT BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE HEARING AND I DID HEAR
17 JUDGE NASH. AND THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS. SOMEONE
18 FROM THE CHILD LAW CENTER. AND BOTH OF THEM MENTIONED
19 CASELOADS, THE FACT THAT THEY'RE OVERWHELMED. THE ALLIANCE FOR
20 CHILDREN'S RIGHTS HAD TWO SPEAKERS. AND THEY TALKED ABOUT--
21 YOU MENTIONED TRYING TO KEEP THE CHILD WITHIN THE FAMILY. THEY
22 HAPPENED TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN
23 WHAT FAMILIES GET AS FAR AS SUPPORT FROM THE STATE AND THE
24 PUBLIC, A CHILD THAT'S PLACED WITH AN OUTSIDE PLACEMENT VERSUS
25 A RELATIVE PLACEMENT, AND THE FUNDING DIFFERENTIAL. AND THEY



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1 SAID THAT THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. SO I'M
2 WONDERING WHEN THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS GOING TO
3 SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO ALLEVIATE THAT DIFFERENCE IN
4 THE ABILITY THAT THE RELATIVES HAVE TO GET AS MUCH MONEY FOR
5 THE CHILDREN AS OUTSIDE PLACEMENT. IN SOME CASES, IT'S \$1,000
6 PER CHILD. NOW, UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT L.A. COUNTY OPERATES WITH
7 A WAIVER ABILITY TO FEDERAL AND FEDERAL LAW IS A POT OF
8 FUNDING. AND THE STATE ALSO NOW, THEY USED TO HAVE A LINE-
9 ITEM BUDGET. NOW IT'S A POT OF MONEY THAT COMES TO THE COUNTY.
10 AND IF ANYBODY REMEMBERS WHAT HAPPENED WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING
11 HOSPITAL, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND A POT OF MONEY,
12 WELL WE KNOW THAT. THEY CLOSED THE HOSPITAL. AND, FINALLY, IT
13 MENTIONS HERE BUDGET PRIORITIES IN ALL THIS DISCUSSION, YOU
14 HAVE YET TO AGAIN DISCUSS THE FUNDING OF 650 WORKERS FOR
15 D.C.F.S. OH, AND BY THE WAY, WHICH ONE OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS
16 CAME FROM YOUR LIST THAT YOU HAD, SUPERVISOR KNABE? SO YOU
17 FUNDED 150. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ALWAYS MANAGE TO
18 TALK ABOUT WHAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DID YOU DISCUSS THE 500 POSITIONS--

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, NEXT SPEAKER,
25 PLEASE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. FINE. FINE. THANK YOU.



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1 THANK YOU. SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WE MADE YOUR POINT
2 CLEAR. WE ACCOMMODATED. NOW WE'D LIKE FOR YOU TO ACCOMMODATE
3 THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR? LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN. WOULD YOU PLEASE
4 RELINQUISH THE STAGE OR THAT IS STEP FROM THE STAGE. YOU'VE
5 BEEN AFFORDED THE TIME. YOU'VE SHARED YOUR DOCUMENTS. WE HAVE
6 SAID THAT WE WOULD MAKE SURE THEY GET TO WHO YOU REQUESTED.
7 AND THAT'S EXTENSIVELY THE CONCLUSION OF IT. DONE. THANK YOU.
8 (OFF MICROPHONE COMMENTS).

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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12 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THE
13 FIRST TIME I WAS HERE, BAXTER WARD WAS SITTING THERE, OKAY?
14 I'M TELLING YOU FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS I CAME
15 HERE, NOT EVERY WEEK, I WORKED FOR 25 YEARS, I'M A RETIRED
16 L.A.U.S.D. TEACHER. I DIDN'T HEAR THINGS LIKE THIS. I DIDN'T
17 SEE PEOPLE COMING UP AND CRYING. I DIDN'T HEAR PEOPLE SAYING,
18 "YOU'VE STOLEN MY CHILD." I DIDN'T HEAR ANY OF THAT. IT'S ONLY
19 BEEN FOR THE LAST THREE OR FOUR YEARS. AND YOU DID NOTHING.
20 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FOR THESE PEOPLE UNTIL THE L.A. TIMES DID
21 THE EXPOSES. AND YOU KNOW YOU SAT THERE ON YOUR BIG BUTT AND
22 DID NOTHING.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HEY, KNOCK IT OFF. YOU KNOCK IT OFF. KNOCK
25 IT OFF.



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2 **JOHN WALSH:** IF YOU LOOK AT THE ZUMA DOGG RULE, I CAN SAY THAT.
3 IT'S PROTECTED SPEECH.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO MOVE TO WE PROCEED TO ADJOURN.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. WALSH? LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
8 TO YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO ASK HIM, BUT YOU--

9

10 **JOHN WALSH:** STOP THE TIME.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M NOT GOING TO STOP THE TIME. I'M
13 GOING TO REQUEST THAT YOU NOT AIM THOSE COMMENTS TOWARD ANY
14 MEMBER OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU. OKAY. YOUR TIME IS RUNNING,
15 MR. WALSH.

16

17 **JOHN WALSH:** -- ZUMA DOGG RULE IN FEDERAL COURT. I WAS
18 PROTECTED SPEECH. YOU WANT MY MINUTE? THAT'S PROTECTED SPEECH
19 UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ARE YOU ADDRESSING THE ISSUE AT
22 HAND?

23

24 **JOHN WALSH:** OKAY. LET ME TELL YOU. THE BLOOD OF THESE CHILDREN
25 ARE ON YOUR HANDS. WHEN YOU ASKED THIS MAN HERE, DOCTOR



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1 FIELDING, WHAT DID HE SAY? HE SAID IT'S DOWN FOR THE PAST TWO
2 YEARS, BUT IT WAS THE HIGHEST IN AMERICA TWO YEARS AGO. GO TO
3 ORANGE COUNTY. LOOK AT THE DEAD CHILDREN THERE. NONE. GO TO
4 VENTURA COUNTY, FIND THE DEAD CHILDREN UNDER THEIR CARE. NONE.
5 AND YOU DON'T LIKE ME BECAUSE I USE THE WORD BUTT? AND I WILL
6 CONTINUE. AND I'M ASKING THE COUNTY AND I WILL SEND YOU A
7 LETTER, THE ZUMA DOGG FEDERAL DECISION WAS THAT THAT SPEECH IS
8 PROTECTED. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. REMEMBER, IT COULD BE YOUR
9 CHILDREN OUT THERE WHOSE BLOOD. I'M TALKING TO EVERYBODY IN
10 THIS COUNTY. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG YOU'RE DESPICABLE, ALL OF
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY.

15

16 **JOHN WALSH:** PROTECTED SPEECH AND YOU DAMN WELL KNOW IT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. WALSH, PLEASE LEAVE AS QUIETLY
19 AS POSSIBLE. AND NO ONE SAID THAT THEY DISLIKED YOU, BUT I DO
20 NOT THINK IT'S REASONABLE FOR YOU OR ANYONE ELSE TO COME AND
21 ASSAULT MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND EXPECT THAT TO BE TOLERATED.
22 IT'S JUST UNREASONABLE. AND NO ONE TREATS YOU DISCOURTEOUSLY.
23 NO ONE CALLS YOU OUT OF YOUR NAME. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND FOR
24 ONE SINGLE MOMENT WHY YOU THINK THAT'S ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OR
25 THAT WE SHOULD PUT UP WITH IT. YOU'VE BEEN TREATED VERY



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1 COURTEOUSLY BY THIS CHAIR AND OTHERS. I'LL CONTINUE TO DO SO
2 BUT IF YOU THINK YOU'LL SHOW UP AND ASSAULT ME OR ANYONE ELSE
3 HERE, OR BY EXTENSION OUR MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY, IT JUST AIN'T
4 GOING TO HAPPEN. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT IS BEFORE US?

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ITEM S-1 IF YOU
7 WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE ITEM?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** IT HAS BEEN MOVED THAT WE RECEIVE
10 AND FILE S-1. THERE IS NO OBJECTION. THAT, THEN, WILL BE THE
11 ORDER. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE US.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. S-2, I THINK THAT'S A
14 REPORT BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. FUJIOKA AND/OR STAFF, S-2 IS
17 BEFORE US.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M PREPARED TO ADDRESS THIS, SIR. WE WERE
20 ASKED TO DEVELOP SOME CRITERIA TO PRIORITIZE OUR BOND FINANCE
21 CAPITAL PROJECTS. WE WORKED WITH STAFF FROM EACH BOARD OFFICE,
22 AND WE IDENTIFIED A LIST OF GUIDELINES WE WOULD USE ON A
23 PROSPECTIVE BASIS IN AN ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. THE
24 GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS. PROJECTS THAT ARE MANDATED OR MEET
25 A REGULATORY REQUIREMENT, THOSE THAT WOULD ADDRESS A SERIOUS



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1 OR LIFE SAFETY ISSUE, SUCH AS CITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED OR
2 STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN RED TAGGED. LIFE CYCLE ISSUES,
3 SPECIFICALLY THOSE THAT ARE OVER 50 YEARS OLD, PROJECTS THAT
4 COULD BE LEVERAGED BECAUSE THEY HAVE EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES.
5 WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD
6 WHERE WE'LL PARTNER WITH AN OUTSIDE FOUNDATION, FOR EXAMPLE,
7 WHERE THE FOUNDATION HAS EXPRESSED A COMMITMENT, NOT JUST A
8 WILLINGNESS BUT A COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT
9 OF THE FUNDING. WE FILLED THAT THING, ABLE TO LEVERAGE THOSE
10 FUNDS WITH OUR-- WITH COUNTY FUNDS PRESENTS AN EXCELLENT
11 OPPORTUNITY. PROJECTS THAT HAVE AN OPERATIONAL SAVINGS, SUCH
12 AS STAFF SAVINGS OR ENERGY SAVINGS, PROGRAM IMPERATIVES. WE
13 MAY HAVE A NEW REQUIREMENT FROM EITHER THE STATE OR FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT THAT REQUIRES THAT WE ADDRESS HOW WE DELIVER OUR
15 SERVICES IN A DIFFERENT SETTING THOSE THAT CREATE ECONOMIC
16 DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY FOR THE COUNTY BUT FOR THE IMMEDIATE
17 COMMUNITY. PROJECTS THAT DECREASE OUR LIABILITY OR EXPOSURE. I
18 THINK THAT GETS BACK TO THE LIFE SAFETY ISSUE. THOSE THAT MEET
19 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS. THE CLASSIC EXAMPLE WOULD
20 BE SEISMIC RETROFITS. AND THOSE THAT ALSO ADDRESS COMMUNITY
21 NEED BENEFIT OR EQUITY. WE INTENTIONALLY DID NOT WEIGH THESE
22 BY ANY SCORE OR POINTS. IT'S OUR INTENT THAT AS WE BRING A
23 PROJECT BACK TO THE BOARD, WE WOULD SHOW HOW THE PROJECTS
24 MEETS ONE OR MANY, HOPEFULLY, OF THE CRITERIA I JUST
25 DISCUSSED. THE LAST PART OF OUR MEMO SPEAKS TO THE TIERS WE



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1 PLACE OUR PROJECTS IN, WITH TIER 1 OF COURSE BEING THE
2 HIGHEST, AND THAT WOULD BE THOSE THAT MEET A SIGNIFICANT
3 PORTION OF THE CRITERIA, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT ANY SINGLE ONE
4 COULD ALSO MOVE A PROJECT INTO TIER 1. THAT WOULD BE THE
5 EXAMPLE I'D GIVE, BE THOSE THAT NEED IMMEDIATE LIFE SAFETY
6 ISSUE. THE LAST PART OF OUR MEMO SPEAKS TO OUR COUNTY DEBT
7 SERVICE WHERE WE'RE AT RIGHT NOW WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$120
8 MILLION, WHICH IS LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OR SPECIFICALLY .62
9 PERCENT OF OUR GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET. WE'RE IN A VERY GOOD
10 SPACE RIGHT NOW. BUT I THINK WHAT I'D RECOMMEND IS WE TAKE
11 THIS CRITERIA, THESE RECOMMENDATION AND AS WE COME BACK TO YOU
12 WITH VERY SPECIFIC BOND PROJECTS, WE'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW
13 EACH PROJECT WOULD MEET THAT CRITERIA AND ASK FOR APPROVAL ON
14 A PROJECT-BY-PROJECT BASIS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, QUESTIONS FOR
17 THE C.E.O.? FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. IT'S
18 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SECONDED BY
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT WE RECEIVE AND FILE THE ITEM. BEFORE
20 TAKING THAT ACTION, THERE ARE THREE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE
21 HEARD ON THIS ITEM, S-2. THEY ARE ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN
22 AND PATRICK O'ROURKE.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
25 YOU KNOW, IT'S SAID THAT THE NUTS DON'T FALL FAR FROM THE



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1 TREES. SO BASED ON THAT MAXIM, I'M JUST WONDERING ON YOUR
2 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST, DO YOU USE THE SAME LOGIC YOU USE FOR
3 METRO PROJECTS LIST AND THE SAME SOURCE OF FUNDING? NOW,
4 ACCORDING TO THIS FEDERAL LAW FOR CRENSHAW-LAX TRANSIT
5 CORRIDOR, METRO'S RESOLUTION FROM JULY 20, 2011, THE COUNTY
6 HAS TWO AGENCIES THAT IT USES WHEN IT WANTS TO FUND ENTITIES,
7 TWO CONDUITS ISSUING L.A.C. PUBLIC WORKS FINANCING AUTHORITY
8 AND THE L.A.C. CAPITAL ASSET LEASING CORPORATION. SO I'M
9 WONDERING: WILL THE PUBLIC HAVE INPUT? WILL THERE BE A VOTE ON
10 SOME OF THESE ITEMS TO BE FUNDED FOR GENERAL-- FOR YOUR
11 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST? OR WILL THIS JUST BE DONE THROUGH THE
12 VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? THE SAME BOARD-- AND THANK
13 YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR STEPPING IN WITH THE SOUTH BAY,
14 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE SOUTH BAY PROJECTS WERE FUNDED WITH
15 2008 DOLLARS. BUT THE SAME BOARD THAT CAME UP WITH THIS GHOST
16 OF A BILLION \$300 MILLION FOR MEASURE R, ESSENTIALLY DOUBLING
17 THE SALES TAX REVENUE FROM PROP A AND PROP C IN ONE YEAR
18 BECAUSE THAT'S HOW YOU WOULD HAVE ACHIEVED THAT GOAL. SO THE
19 SAME FANTASIES TO PUSH THROUGH THIS MEASURE R ARE STILL ALIVE
20 AND WELL BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SAME FIVE BOARD MEMBERS WHO SIT
21 ON METRO. JUST CURIOUS HOW YOU PLAN ON DOING THIS FUNDING. IS
22 IT A METRO PLAN? AND NOBODY STEPPED UP AND SAID OTHERWISE. SO
23 DOES THE PUBLIC HAVE INPUT ON THIS VOTE? OR IS THIS JUST GOING
24 TO BE DONE THROUGH THE GRACIOUSNESS OF THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YES, MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. I'M IN ZEV
5 YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT IN SANTA MONICA. AND MY CONCERN IS
6 ABOUT FRAUD ON SOME OF THESE PROJECTS. SOME OF THE PROJECTS--
7 MY CONCERN IS: WILL THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY OR
8 WILL THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPERS? WE'VE HAD SOME
9 PROBLEMS WITH THESE ISSUES IN THE PAST, AND WE WANT TO-- WE
10 EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AS A VOTING PUBLIC AND AS A LITIGIOUS
11 PUBLIC NOW THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CAN BE SUED
12 DIRECTLY BECAUSE OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE CHALLENGE TO 1.6
13 OUTSIDE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD, YOU WILL NOT BE
14 PROTECTED NOR WILL THE COUNTY PAY FOR ANY LITIGIOUS OFFENSES
15 THAT YOU COMMIT WHILE SERVING ON THE BOARD. THESE ARE THE
16 RULING BY THE SECOND AND SEVERAL OTHER CIRCUIT COURTS AND THE
17 SUPREME COURT. WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF
18 COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL
19 REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR DEPARTMENTS ACT ACCORDING TO THE LAW
20 AND NOT CREATE FUNDING FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS, DEVELOPERS THAT
21 HAVE NO BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE OVERDEVELOPED. ZEV
22 YAROSLAVSKY UNDERSTANDS THAT IN SANTA MONICA. THERE HAS BEEN A
23 LONG-TERM PROBLEM WITH DEVELOPERS STEALING PROPERTY, TAKING
24 AWAY HOUSING AND DEVELOPING CONDOMINIUMS. SO THIS IS AN ISSUE
25 THAT WE WANT ADDRESSED AS A PUBLIC THAT PUBLIC FUNDS WILL NOT



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1 GO TO FUND PRIVATE PROJECTS SUCH AS THE STAPLES CENTER WHICH
2 HAS SEEN MORE LOSSES THAN THE COUNTY HAS SEEN PROFITS. NO
3 MATTER HOW THE COUNTY JUGGLES THE BOOKS. WE WISH THAT THE
4 BOARD HONOR THIS.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH THAT
7 CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ITEM. IT'S ALREADY BEEN MOVED
8 AND SECONDED. THERE ARE QUESTIONS TO BE POSED ANSWERED AT A
9 LATER POINT IN TIME BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. IN TERMS OF
10 PROJECT FUNDING, THE COLLECTIVE, THAT IS THE TOTAL VALUE OF
11 THE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION, CONCERNS ABOUT THE AVERAGE
12 WAGE AND BENEFIT, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE EARNED, THIS HAS
13 IMPLICATIONS FOR ISSUES RELATED TO LOCAL WORKER HIRE AS WELL
14 AS THE LARGER SET OF ISSUES IN TERMS OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT
15 THAT OUR PROJECTS HAVE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY, WHICH, FRANKLY, I
16 THINK IS CONSIDERABLE. AND IT SERVES IN MANY INSTANCES A
17 CATALYTIC ROLE WITH RESPECT TO SPURRING PRIVATE SECTOR
18 INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. I THINK WE OUGHT TO BE IN A
19 POSITION TO BE ABLE TO MEASURE THAT. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE
20 QUESTIONS THAT WE HOPE WILL BE ABLE TO BE ANSWERED ON A GO-
21 FORWARD BASIS BECAUSE I THINK WE TALK ABOUT OUR BUDGET BEING
22 NEARLY \$2 BILLION AND HOW WE LEVERAGE THAT, BUT IN TERMS OF
23 OUR ACTUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INPUT AND PROWESS IN THE
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IT IS SUBSTANTIAL AND WE SHOULD BEGIN
25 TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO REPORT THAT INFORMATION IN THOSE



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1 FINDINGS, AS WELL. IF THERE'S NO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE
2 ITEM, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN TERMS OF RECEIVING AND
3 FILING THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ON ITEM
6 NO. 7, THAT ITEM WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, ITEM NO. 7, YOU
9 HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS. WE WILL HEAR
10 FROM ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS. TOM VEALE AND JAMES SOTO AT THE
11 APPROPRIATE TIME. SUPERVISOR, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD FIRST ON
12 ITEM 7?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, I HELD THEM BECAUSE I DO HAVE AN
15 AMENDMENT TO THE ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** PUT THAT ON THE TABLE PRIOR TO THE SPEAKERS. "IT
20 IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE COUNTY'S WORKER'S COMPENSATION THIRD-
21 PARTY ADMINISTRATION MEET THEIR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS.
22 OBVIOUSLY EVERY DOLLAR THAT THE COUNTY PAYS IN WORKERS' COMP
23 CLAIMS IS A DOLLAR THAT COULD BE USED FOR OTHER CRITICAL
24 SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THE C.E.O. IMPLEMENTS PERFORMANCE
25 AUDITS THAT IDENTIFY PROBLEMATIC T.B.A.S, SUBSTANDARD LEVELS



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1 OF CLAIM HANDLING PROCEDURES. WHILE THE CURRENT T.B.A.S ARE
2 PERFORMED AT ACCEPTABLE LEVELS, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THE
3 CRITERIA OF THIS AUDIT ALSO BE REFLECTIVE OF THE IMPROPRIETIES
4 RELATED TO THESE PUBLIC FUNDS. I WOULD MOVE THE BOARD DIRECT
5 THE C.E.O. TO INCORPORATE AUDIT CRITERIA WHICH INCLUDES ANY
6 KNOWN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, NEGLIGENCE AND OVERALL CONTRACT
7 COMPLIANCE I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. PROVIDE A BIENNIAL
8 REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE EXISTING T.P.A.'S PERFORMANCE FOR
9 EACH YEAR OF THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING THE CRITERIA LISTED
10 ABOVE. THIS REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE ANY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT
11 SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN AREAS OF CONCERN OR WHETHER FURTHER
12 IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE
13 FACT THAT IF THERE'S ANY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT, THEY DON'T HAVE
14 TO WAIT FOR A BIENNIAL BASIS THAT, WOULD COME BACK TO US
15 IMMEDIATELY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOTED. WE WILL TURN OUR
18 ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. MA'AM?

19
20 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** OKAY, GOOD AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME
21 IS ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS. I'M A COUNTY EMPLOYEE. I'M KIND OF
22 DISAPPOINTED THAT-- I DON'T LIKE TRISTAR, BECAUSE IN 2000 THAT
23 THEY STARTED WORKING FOR HEALTH SERVICES, THEY HAVE BEEN
24 TROUBLE FOR ME AND OTHER EMPLOYEES. I FIND RIDICULOUS BECAUSE
25 FOR THE ECONOMICAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, YOU GUYS WANTED--



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1 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WANTS TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR SERVICES WHEN
2 THEY ARE FAILING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, THE LACK OF BUSINESS,
3 INTEGRITY AND BUSINESS HONESTY. ALSO, THEY ARE FAILING-- THEY
4 ARE BREAKING THE LABOR LAWS RELATED TO EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION
5 AND BENEFITS. I'M ONE OF THEM THAT I'VE BEEN CHALLENGED SINCE
6 2000 THAT THEY TOOK OVER, MY CHECKS WERE BEHIND. AND THEY KNEW
7 ABOUT IT. I KEPT TELLING THEM. AND THAT BEFORE '95 BEFORE THE
8 LAWS WAS CHANGED, YOU WERE LATE THREE TIMES OR FOUR TIMES,
9 THERE WAS A COMPENSATION OR EITHER 10 PERCENT OR 25 GRAND. IT
10 WAS MORE THAN 15 TIMES FROM 2000 TO 2003, AND I NEVER HAD BEEN
11 COMPENSATED. I'M 93 PERCENT-- AND THIS IS THE PRACTICE THEY
12 HAVE BECAUSE THEY WANT ME TO BE HOSTAGE FOR THE SYSTEM. THEY
13 WANT ME TO GET LOST IN THE SYSTEM. WHICH IS NOT GOING TO
14 HAPPEN. BECAUSE I'M INJURY BECAUSE OF INCOMPETENCY OR WORKER'S
15 COMP. THE C.E.O., THEY WANT TO LOOK GOOD BUT THEY DON'T
16 REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE MAKING YOU
17 LOOK GOOD. AND IT'S NOT FAIR BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SAVE A BUCK,
18 YOU HIRE THIS COMPANY. BESIDE ANOTHER POINT, VERY IMPORTANT,
19 THIS BID WAS JUST ONLY FOR THEM. EVERY OTHER DEPARTMENTS,
20 THEY HAD A DIFFERENT COMPANIES WHO BID FOR THAT CONTRACT. THEY
21 DIDN'T BE IN BUSINESS IN 2000. IT'S NOT FAIR. OTHER PEOPLE
22 NEED TO BE-- HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **JAMES SOTO:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS JAMES SOTO.
2 I'M A RESIDENT OF YOUR DISTRICT. AND I APPRECIATE THE
3 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE THE BOARD HERE TODAY. I'VE WORKED
4 FOR TRISTAR FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. I'M A REGIONAL MANAGER AND
5 HAVE RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE OFFICE THAT HANDLES HEALTH
6 SERVICES. SO WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FOR THE
7 COUNTY AND IT'S BEEN A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM FOR WELL OVER 10
8 YEARS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY CONTINUED YEARS OF SUCCESS.
9 AND WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT
12 SPEAKER, SIR.

13

14 **TOM VEALE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
15 COUNCIL. I'M TOM VEALE. I'M THE FOUNDER OF TRISTAR. WE STARTED
16 HERE IN LOS ANGELES IN 1987. WE'VE GROWN TODAY TO WHERE WE ARE
17 THE FIFTH LARGEST THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR IN THE NATION. WE
18 APPRECIATE THE RELATIONSHIP WITH L.A. COUNTY WE'VE HAD. WE'VE
19 WORKED ON HEALTH SERVICES FOR 13 YEARS. THROUGH AN
20 ACQUISITION, WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH
21 THE COUNTY. NOT ONLY DO WE PROVIDE JOBS FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED
22 CLAIMS ADJUSTORS. VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR CORPORATE FACILITIES
23 ARE LOCATED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OVER 100 PEOPLE
24 PROVIDE SERVICES TO PUBLIC AGENCIES, NOT JUST HERE IN
25 CALIFORNIA BUT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. I ACTUALLY



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1 WELCOME SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO'S MY SUPERVISOR. I WELCOME HIS
2 AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION TODAY. SOMETHING THAT WE'VE WORKED
3 VERY DILIGENTLY ON IS THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HISTORICALLY
4 HAS HAD AUDITS OF THEIR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS. AND I'M
5 PLEASED TO SAY THAT TRISTAR HAS BY FAR HAD MORE BONUSES BASED
6 ON THE RESULTS OF THOSE AUDITS THAN ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATOR
7 THAT THE COUNTY'S EVER HAD. SO WE DO APPRECIATE THAT
8 AMENDMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE COUNTY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ITEM NO. 7. THE MATTER IS
12 BEFORE US AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SEEING NO
13 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE'RE NOW AT THE
14 POINT OF ADJOURNMENTS. I BEGIN WITH THOSE ON BEHALF OF
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WHO INDICATES IT'S WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT
16 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. AL SORKIN, A LONGTIME PUBLIC
17 SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINTEE ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST
18 DISTRICT AND THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF CHILDREN'S COMMISSION
19 APPOINTEE NINA SORKIN. ALL MEMBERS AT THE REQUEST OF
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE. BOTH AL AND NINA HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO
21 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR SOME THREE DECADES. AL WAS A RESPECTED
22 COUNSELOR WITH A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE IN PASADENA. HE WAS AN
23 INCREDIBLE HUMAN BEING WHO, ALONG WITH HIS LIFE PARTNER, BUILT
24 A BEAUTIFUL LIFE TOGETHER. HE WAS A CONSUMMATE FAMILY MAN. HE
25 WAS DEEPLY DEVOTED TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY, AND THROUGHOUT HIS



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1 PROFESSIONAL LIFE, HE NEVER STOPPED STRIVING TO HELP PEOPLE IN
2 NEED. WHENEVER ASSISTANCE WAS NEEDED, INSIGHTS AND/OR WISDOM
3 WAS SOUGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA INDICATES AL WAS ALWAYS THERE TO
4 HELP HER AND HER CONSTITUENTS. AL'S PASSING IS AN INCREDIBLE
5 LOSS AND IS A TREMENDOUS LOSS NOT ONLY TO THE SUPERVISOR BUT
6 TO ALL THOSE WHO HE UNSELFISHLY SERVED EACH AND EVERY DAY. SO
7 WE EXTEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO NINA, THE SORKIN FAMILY
8 DURING THIS EXTREMELY CHALLENGING TIME IN THEIR LIVES.
9 SECONDLY, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WISHES TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
10 JUAN VILLARAIGOSA, THE BELOVED FATHER OF MOUNT WASHINGTON
11 RESIDENT CORINA VILLARAIGOSA [RAIGOSA]. JUAN WAS A LONGTIME
12 RESIDENT OF PICO RIVERA AND WORKED AS A CARPENTER FOR MANY
13 YEARS. HE WAS DEVOTED TO HIS WIFE, CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.
14 AND WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO CORINA AND HER
15 FAMILY. AND IF YOU WILL, BOTH SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I WOULD
16 LIKE TO JOIN, ALL MEMBERS AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR
17 YAROSLAVSKY. FINALLY FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA WISHES TO ADJOURN
18 IN MEMORY OF MARIA "VERA" VALLES BELOVED MOTHER OF BELINDA
19 FOSTINOS, ONE OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS
20 WHO CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION.
21 MISS VALLES WAS BORN IN VILLA UNION, MEXICO AND IMMIGRATED TO
22 THE UNITED STATES AT THE AGE OF 15. SHE WAS A LONGTIME LINCOLN
23 HEIGHTS RESIDENT WHERE SHE AND HER HUSBAND RAISED THEIR
24 FAMILY. SHE WAS ALSO A LONGTIME TEACHER'S AIDE AT GATES STREET
25 CHILDREN'S CENTER IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS. MISS VALLES WAS A



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1 DEVOTED WIFE, MOTHER AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AND WE EXTEND OUR
2 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO BRENDA AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY. AND ON MY
3 OWN BEHALF, LET ME ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT WALTER JANECK,
4 BORN ON JUNE 2, 1943 IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY AND PASSED ON
5 OCTOBER THE EIGHTH AT THE AGE OF 70. UPON GRADUATING FROM
6 HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY.
7 AND MR. JANECK WORKED AS A CANDY MAKER AT FARMERS' MARKET,
8 CANDY KITCHEN. AND THEN HE WAS HIRED BY THE CROWN ELECTRICAL
9 SYSTEMS. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERNAL
10 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND MOST RECENTLY HELD THE POSITION OF
11 HEAD OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WITH THE NATURAL HISTORY
12 MUSEUM. HE ENJOYED FISHING, GOLFING, COIN COLLECTING, COOKING
13 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE LAKE ELIZABETH GOLF CLUB. HE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SUSAN AND SONS, CHRISTOPHER AND DANIEL,
15 GRANDCHILDREN TYLER AND BRIANNA AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND
16 FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM. FINALLY, WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF CONGRESSMAN MAJOR R. OWENS, FORMER LIBRARIAN WHO
18 WENT TO CONGRESS FROM BROOKLYN AND REMAINED THERE FOR SOME 24
19 YEARS. HE DIED ON MONDAY IN MANHATTAN. HE WAS 77 YEARS OF AGE.
20 A FORMER STATE SENATOR WHO WORKED HARD ON THE ISSUES
21 SURROUNDING THE ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM, A COLLEAGUE AND FOLLOWED
22 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE HONORABLE SHIRLEY CHISHOLM, WHO
23 PRECEDED HIM IN THE POSITION OF CONGRESSPERSON REPRESENTING
24 THAT PART OF NEW YORK. HE WORKED VERY TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF
25 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. HE RECALLED HIS



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1 OWN DAY IN ONE OF THOSE COLLEGES, NAMELY THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
2 FROM WHICH HE GRADUATED IN 1956. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE
3 EARNED HIS GRADUATE DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE AT ATLANTA
4 UNIVERSITY AND WORKED WITH THEN MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY WHO
5 APPOINTED HIM TO OVERSEE THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S PROGRAMS
6 DEALING WITH POVERTY. AND HE HEADED THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
7 AGENCY THERE UNTIL THE MID '70S. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND
8 CHILDREN AS WELL AS THREE BROTHERS AND A SISTER WHO WILL ALL,
9 AND MANY OTHERS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHOM, WILL BE HIS COLLEAGUES
10 WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. CONGRESSMAN MAJOR R. OWENS. ALL
11 RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'D
15 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME FRIEND CAROLYN
16 ROSAS, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND A VERY
17 ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER OUT THERE. WE HAVE A PARK NAMED AFTER
18 HER. SHE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A
19 DESCENDENT OF THE FOUNDING FAMILY OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS AND HER
20 CONCERN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY WAS SHOWN THROUGH
21 HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT AS THE ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER IN THE
22 AREA TO VARIOUS CHARITIES, CIVIC FUNCTIONS AND COMMUNITY
23 SERVICE PROJECTS. IN 1987 SHE WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HER MANY
24 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE PARK NAMED IN HER HONOR. SHE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER LYDIA AND SON TOM. ALSO THAT WE



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1 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DODI SOZA, A TRAGIC DEATH, A JUNIOR AT
2 DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL AND RUNNING BACK ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM WHO
3 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 12TH AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 16.
4 BORN AND RAISED IN DOWNEY. HE LOVED FOOTBALL. GREAT PLAYER.
5 LOVED COMPETING. WAS LOVED BY HIS FELLOW STUDENT. HE WAS KNOWN
6 BY HIS COACHES AND TEAMMATES AS SOMEONE WHO WORKED AS HARD AS
7 HE COULD TO BE THE BEST PLAYER HE COULD. AND HE ATTACKED THE
8 CLASSROOM THE SAME WAY. TRAGIC LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY, FAMILY
9 AND FRIENDS. SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS EDGARDO AND LUZ. TWO
10 BROTHERS DEREK AND DENZEL AND HIS SISTER. HE WILL TRULY BE
11 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
12 MEMORY OF MARGARET MAAREL, A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY
13 RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 71 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ROBERT. HAD
14 BEEN A VOLUNTEER AT LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION SINCE 2001 OF
15 JULY. THEY HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, TWO SONS, TWO DAUGHTERS, AND
16 SHE'LL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. FINALLY, EXCUSE
17 ME. THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES FRANCIS "PAT"
18 PATTERSON, JR. LONGTIME DOWNEY RESIDENT AND WORLD WAR II
19 VETERAN PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 93. BORN IN
20 NEBRASKA, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR CORPS FROM 1940 TO
21 '45. TOOK UP HIS RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA AFTER HIS DISCHARGE.
22 MET AND MARRIED HIS WIFE OF 67 YEARS, DORIS THEY MOVED TO
23 DOWNEY IN 1951, BECAME ACTIVE AND CARING MEMBERS. HE WAS A
24 LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE KNUTE ROCKNE COUNCIL, THE KNIGHTS OF
25 COLUMBUS, A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE DOWNEY ROSE FLOAT



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1 ASSOCIATION, KNOWN AS "MR. POPCORN MAN," SERVING POPCORN TO
2 THE COMMUNITY IN CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND OTHER ROSE FLOAT
3 FUNDRAISERS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. TRUE PATRIOT. HE ENDORSED
4 AND STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF RANCHO, IN DOWNEY. AND HE IS
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DORIS, HIS TWO SONS, SON MICHAEL, HIS
6 DAUGHTER SUSAN, A SON-IN-LAW AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. GREAT
7 GUY. WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM. FINALLY
8 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KELSEY FAITH POTTS, A STUDENT AT
9 DODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAN PEDRO RESIDENT WHO TRAGICALLY
10 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 13. SHE WAS
11 ENROLLED IN THE EIGHTH GRADE AND JUST A GIRL SCOUT, ACTIVE IN
12 SOCCER AND CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE
13 WHO KNEW HER SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS, TROY AND JILL
14 SISTERS LINDSAY AND JENNA. MR. CHAIRMAN, THOSE ARE MY
15 ADJOURNMENTS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS, PLEASE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
21 MEMORY OF SCOTT CARPENTER WHO WAS THE FOURTH UNITED STATES
22 ASTRONAUT TO FLY IN SPACE AND THE SECOND AMERICAN TO ORBIT THE
23 EARTH WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE
24 WAS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO IN AERONAUTICAL
25 ENGINEERING. DURING THE KOREAN WAR, HE FLEW MISSIONS IN THE



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1 YELLOW SEA, SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE FORMOSA STRAITS. HE WAS A
2 GRADUATE OF THE NAVY TEST PILOT SCHOOL AND ASSIGNED TO
3 ELECTRONICS TEST DIVISION OF THE NAVAL AIR TEST CENTER. IN
4 1959, BEFORE ALL OF US WERE BORN, HE WAS ONE OF N.A.S.A.'S
5 FIRST ASTRONAUTS AND FLEW ON HIS ONE AND ONLY SPACE MISSION ON
6 MAY 24, 1962 CIRCLING THE EARTH THREE TIMES WHILE CONDUCTING
7 SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PATTY AND
8 THEIR FOUR SONS AND TWO CHILDREN. DR. RONALD MCARTHUR,
9 PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE, PASSED AWAY ON
10 OCTOBER 17TH AT THE AGE OF 89. HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND,
11 FORMER PROFESSOR OF MINE AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY WITH THE
12 HOOVER INSTITUTE I.S.I. 3, THEIR SUMMER PROGRAMS AND ALSO
13 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR, ROLE MODEL AND COLLEGE PRESIDENT. HE
14 SERVED IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE EARNED HIS
15 DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM LABELLE UNIVERSITY IN QUEBEC. HE
16 THEN TAUGHT AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT SAN
17 FRANCISCO COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AND LATER BECAME PROFESSOR AT ST.
18 MARY'S COLLEGE. AND THEN HE WAS THE FOUNDING PRESIDENT AT THE
19 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE WHICH IS TODAY NOW LOCATED IN OJAI
20 IN ONE OF THE GREAT BOOK SCHOOLS AND A GREAT INSTITUTION. AND
21 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARILYN. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN
22 IN MEMORY OF LUCAS ROBERT BENJAMIN AND MARK BENJAMIN. MARK WAS
23 PRESIDENT, C.E.O. OF SANTA MONICA BAY'S MORLEY BUILDERS, AND
24 HIS SON WAS WITH HIM WHEN THEY CRASHED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH. HE
25 WAS 63 YEARS OF AGE AND HIS SON WAS 28. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF



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1 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS WHERE HE EARNED HIS DEGREE
2 IN MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS. HE HAD JOINED THE FAMILY
3 CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS IN 1972 AS A CARPENTER APPRENTICE, AND
4 GAINED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF MORLEY
5 BUILDERS IN 1981. HIS SON LUCAS GRADUATED FROM NORTHERN
6 ARIZONA UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
7 AND FOLLOWING HIS GRADUATION IN 2007 BEGAN WORKING FOR HIS
8 FATHER IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS. AFTER A FEW YEARS OF WORKING IN
9 THE FIELD, HE WAS QUICKLY PROMOTED TO SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER.
10 LUKE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER CYNTHIA AND HIS BROTHER MATT
11 AND MARK IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON MATT AND SISTER BETSY. BARRY
12 ALAN ABELL PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 7TH. HE WAS A C.E.O., ABELL
13 AUCTION COMPANY FOR 44 YEARS. FOLLOWING RETIREMENT HE WAS A
14 COACH AND THEN COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH PASADENA A.Y.S.O.
15 CHURCH, A.Y.S.O. SOCCER LEAGUE AND QUITE ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH,
16 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FOUR SONS AND HIS MOTHER AND
17 BROTHER. JUDGE ROSEMARY DUNBAR, SHE WAS A RETIRED MEMBER OF
18 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS,
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST WOMEN
20 TO GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL
21 OF LAW IN 1942. SHE WAS AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN THE U.S.
22 NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. SHE SERVED ON SKID ROW AS A LEGAL
23 AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND ESTABLISHED A COMPTON
24 CHAPTER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. SHE WAS AN ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE
25 BAR, A GENERAL MANAGER AND CO-OWNER OF THE DUNBAR PRECISION



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1 GRINDING COMPANY, CITY ATTORNEY OF COMPTON. GOVERNOR RONALD
2 REAGAN APPOINTED HER TO THE MUNICIPAL POINT. GOVERNOR BROWN
3 APPOINTED HER TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
4 CHILDREN, DAVID DONALD, DANIEL, ROSEMARY AND MARGARET. ALAN
5 MARTINEZ WAS SIX YEARS OF AGE, TRAGICALLY KILLED ON OCTOBER
6 14TH IN SANTA ANA STRUCK BY A TRUCK WHILE WALKING TO SCHOOL.
7 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER ORELIA, AND HIS SISTER MIA,
8 BROTHER DAVID AND GRANDMOTHER. CHRISTOPHER MILLER, RESIDENT OF
9 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66, SERVED IN
10 THE AIR FORCE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. AND AFTER THE WAR, HE
11 STARTED A CAREER IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE
12 IN SUPPORTING ALL OUR VETERANS GROUPS AS WELL AS CANCER-
13 RELATED CHARITIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LINDA AND THEIR
14 THREE SONS AND TWO SISTERS. AND SISTER BARBARA RING, SISTER OF
15 THE ST. JOSEPH'S OF CARONDELET ORDER FOR 66 YEARS PASSED AWAY
16 AT THE AGE 86. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER NIECE DOROTHEA AND
17 NEPHEWS JOHN, MARK AND GREG THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS MOTIONS.
18 OH, ONE MORE IS MARIAN LIZZARI, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF EAGLE
19 ROCK. PASSED AWAY OF CANCER, AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
20 DAUGHTER, DEBBIE LIZZARI, WHO IS A SECRETARY IN MY OFFICE.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
23 THIS COMES TO MY ATTENTION THAT EDWARD ZACHARY GIBSON, THE
24 FATHER OF COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON, PASSED. A U.S. ARMY VETERAN,
25 DEPLOYED DURING THE KOREAN WAR, A UNION ORGANIZER AND CONTRACT



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1 NEGOTIATOR. HE HAILED FROM THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS. AND HE
2 PASSED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. AND WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS
3 PASSING AND TO SEND APPROPRIATE CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, NOT
4 THE LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE HIS WIFE AND OUR COLLEAGUE. AND
5 THAT WOULD BE COUNCILMAN MIKE GIBSON AND ALL OF THOSE WHO
6 KNEW, LOVED AND RESPECTED HIM FOR THE CONTRIBUTION THAT HE
7 MADE DURING HIS LIFE. ED ZACHARY GIBSON. THAT CLOSES THE
8 REMARKS THAT WE NEED TO MAKE BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE
9 ARE PERSONS WHO DO WISH-- THAT IS ADJOURNING MOTIONS. THERE
10 ARE THOSE WHO DO WISH TO BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE ARE
11 SEVERAL PERSONS. IF YOU WOULD SIMPLY COME FORWARD AS QUICKLY
12 AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN ONCE HAVING CALLED YOUR NAME, OSCAR
13 JOHNSON, GILBERT RAMIREZ, ARNOLD SACHS. ERIC PREVEN. SHEILA
14 PINKEL. NAGI ELHADARY. ROBERT GORDH ANNABELLA, PATRICK
15 O'ROURKE. RICHARD ROBINSON. JOHN WALSH. DANITA HUERTA. JASON
16 ZINC. DAVID SERRANO. MR. JOHNSON, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED, ONE
17 MINUTE, PLEASE.

18

19 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** ONE MINUTE, OH THAT'S CRUEL. TWO MINUTES.
20 THANKS. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK
21 FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I'D
22 LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT RELIGION. I REMEMBER THE GREAT
23 SOCIAL FARMER 50 YEARS AGO TOLD HIS COMMUNITY THAT ISLAM COME
24 TO THE AMERICA TO KILL THE PIG AND DESTROY THE CROSS, BUT THE
25 PIG NOT ONLY STOPPED THE EATING THE PHYSICAL PIG BUT ALSO



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1 MENTALITY THAT PEOPLE CARRIED THAT ASSOCIATE WITH PIGS AND TO
2 DESTROY THE CROSS MEAN TO END CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA. AND WE
3 SEE TODAY 40 YEARS LATER, MANY CHURCHES HAVE CLOSED UP ACROSS
4 THIS COUNTRY AND THEY ARE HAVING CHURCHES IN SCHOOL
5 GYMNASIUMS. AND WE ALSO HEARD THAT ONCE UPON A TIME THEY SAID
6 THAT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCHES IS CLOSING THEY WOULD NEVER OPEN
7 AGAIN. BUT ANYWAY I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ALABAMA. I SEE ON
8 C.N.N. NEWS THAT ALABAMA AND HAWAII WERE THE TWO MOST HONORED
9 STATES IN THE UNITED STATES. YES, ALABAMA IS THE FIRST STATE
10 IN THE UNITED STATES. ALABAMA IS THE LEADER OF THE UNITED
11 STATES. SOME TYPE OF WAY THAT THE STATES CAME OUT AFTER
12 ALABAMA STRAYED OFF THE PATH THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ON.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YES, MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE, AND MARK
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THERE IS NO SUCH WEBSITE THAT'S CALLED BLUE
18 RIBBON.COM. IT'S FOR SALE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** HMM.

21

22 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** UM? WHY IS IT THAT THIS BOARD CAN'T SAY FOR
23 FOUR MONTHS WHAT THE NAME OF THE WEBSITE, HOW WE GET CONTACTED
24 ON THAT MEETINGS. I GOT CONTACTED THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY AND AN
25 INVITE. I STILL HAVE NOT SEEN THAT WEBSITE, SEEN ONE AGENDA



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1 ITEM. YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE A LIAR. YOU TOLD US IN
2 FRONT OF THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT IT WAS BLUE RIBBON.COM. THAT
3 YOU WOULD GET SOMEONE TO ME. THAT YOU WOULD GET ME THAT, WAIT.
4 YOU SAID, WAIT A MINUTE. I'M TALKING. YOU SAID YOU WOULD GET
5 US TO THE WEBSITE, GET ME TO THE WEBSITE OR GET ME TO GET THAT
6 INFORMATION. NO ONE APPROACHED ME. NOT ONE PERSON APPROACHED
7 ME. ON YOUR ORDER.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MR. O'ROURKE, WE WILL MAKE SURE YOU
10 HAVE THE CORRECT WEBSITE BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY YOUR SEARCH WAS NOT
11 CORRECT. SECONDLY--

12

13 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** -- RIGHT HERE, WWW. DO YOU WANT TO SEE IT?
14 IT'S RIGHT HERE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I DO NOT NEED TO SEE IT. YOU
17 OBVIOUSLY NEED ASSISTANCE. NO, WELL I DO NOT WISH TO SEE IT. I
18 WISH TO GET YOU THE CORRECT WEBSITE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ADD THE WORD COMMISSION.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THE OTHER POINT I WISH TO MAKE, MR.
23 O'ROURKE. MR. O'ROURKE, FOCUS ONE MOMENT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY
24 TO COME AND CALL ANYBODY A LIAR. ALL RIGHT? IT'S JUST NOT
25 NECESSARY. WE WILL GET YOU THE INFORMATION YOU NEED AND THAT



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1 WILL BE THE END OF IT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. LET ME JUST SAY
2 TO YOU AGAIN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE NOW. THANK YOU.

3

4 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YOU'RE A LIAR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NOW, MR. O'ROURKE, YOU WILL NOT BE
7 AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THAT
8 AGAIN. I CAN TELL YOU THAT NOW SO MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND.

9

10 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'M ANTICIPATING THAT CONTACT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. SIT
13 DOWN AND BE QUIET! NOW YOU NEED TO EASE UP THE ABUSE THAT
14 YOU'RE AIMING AT THIS BOARD. IT'S JUST NOT GOOD. AND THOSE OF
15 YOU WHO ARE DOING IT NEED TO APPRECIATE THAT WE PRETTY MUCH
16 HAD OUR FILL OF IT. WE'RE NOT PUNCHING BAGS. DON'T COME HERE
17 FOR TARGET PRACTICE. NOW, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE HEARD AND NOT
18 BEEN HEARD, PLEASE PROCEED. SIR?

19

20 **GILBERT RAMIREZ:** MY NAME IS GILBERT RAMIREZ. I LIVE IN PICO
21 RIVERA. MY MOM AND ME, WE'RE GOING THROUGH SOME DIFFICULTIES.
22 I SUFFERED SOME PHYSICAL ABUSE IN THE COUNTY JAIL, AND MISS
23 MOLINA HELPED ME WITH THAT. THANK YOU. I HAD A PROBLEM WITH
24 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WITH MY MOTHER. I TAKE CARE OF MY
25 MOTHER ALL THIS TIME AND THEY'RE SAYING THAT I CAN NO LONGER



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1 TAKE CARE OF MY MOTHER FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN THE COUNTY JAIL. I
2 TOLD THEM I WAS ADVISED TO CALL VIRGINIA AT GLORIA MOLINA'S
3 OFFICE AND SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO HELP ME. MISS MOLINA? MISS
4 MOLINA, I WAS INSTRUCTED FROM TWO IN ONE TO CALL VIRGINIA TO
5 HELP ME. MY UNDERSTANDING THE SASHA LALA WAS FROM ADULT
6 PROTECTIVE SERVICES., THREATENING ME AND SHE'S VERY VICIOUS TO
7 ME. I HAVE GOTTEN A LETTER FROM YOU STATING THAT I SHOULD
8 LEAVE VIRGINIA ALONE, BUT VIRGINIA IS THE ONE THAT TOLD ME
9 THAT SHE GETS HER ADVICE FROM SASHA LA LA WHICH IS VERY
10 AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS ME AND MY MOTHER. I GO TO GROUPS. I GET
11 HELP FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IN THE COUNTY JAIL. I GO TWICE A
12 WEEK. AND MY MOTHER IS WELL WITH ME. TAKES MEDICATION FOR
13 PSYCH DRUGS FOR WHAT'S GOING ON. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, MISS
14 MOLINA, BUT I'M GOING THROUGH A BAD TIME. I NEED HELP. I NEED
15 EVERYBODY TO GET ANSWERS BACK ON WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. I'VE
16 TRIED TO CALL PEOPLE TO TRY TO HELP ME WITH SASHA LA LA, WITH
17 MONIQUE DEVAUX, WHICH WORKS FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES. AND
18 EVEN THOUGH THE PICO RIVERA POLICE STATION, AS WELL, WILL NOT
19 HELP MY MOTHER WHEN SHE WAS THREATENED OVER THE HOUSE OF MY
20 BROTHER ANDY. I TALKED TO--

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMING
23 FORTH. SUPERVISOR, ANYTHING?

24

25 **GILBERT RAMIREZ:** MY NUMBER IS 562-291-7970.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
3 ANNABELLA?

4

5 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** I WANT TO ASK A REQUEST. I'M RECEIVING
6 LONG TIME DISABILITY AND SOMETIMES WHEN THE 28, BECAUSE THEY
7 ISSUE THE CHECKS EVERY 20 DAYS. WHEN THE 28TH IS ON FRIDAY, WE
8 GET THE CHECK UNTIL MONDAY. AND I ASK THEM WHY WE DON'T GET A
9 STRAIGHT DEPOSIT. AND THEY SAY THAT IT'S UP TO THE C.E.O. AND
10 ALSO I MENTION THAT IT WILL BE EASY FOR THEM, FOR US TO GET A
11 STRAIGHT DEPOSIT. CAN YOU PLEASE RECOMMEND THAT TO THE
12 C.E.O.?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **ANNABELLA MAZARIEGOS:** I HAVE ANOTHER ISSUE MY MINUTE HASN'T
17 EXPIRED. LOCAL 721, THE VICE PRESIDENT, LINDA DENT, SHE NEEDS
18 TO COME BACK TO WORK BECAUSE WE HAVE A CORRUPT UNION. AND I
19 DON'T THINK THAT IT'S FAIR THAT OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING
20 AND SHE'S REALLY AT A TURN OF UNEMPLOYMENT. AND WE NEED HER TO
21 COME BACK TO WORK BECAUSE AT THE UNION WE HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO
22 TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS OF THE UNION.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
25 MA'AM?



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2 **DANITA HUERTA** : HELLO, DANITA HUERTA, GOOD EVENING. GOOD
3 AFTERNOON, I SHOULD SAY. I WANT TO APPLAUD YOUR WORK SO FAR,
4 BUT THERE'S A LITTLE BIT MORE THAT WE NEED TO DO. AND I JUST
5 WANTED TO ASK IF THIS CAN BE CONSIDERED SO WE NO LONGER HAVE A
6 PILOT PROGRAM IN SOCIAL SERVICES THAT PUTS PEOPLE ON THE
7 STREETS, THAT WE DON'T HAVE THIS DESPERATE GOINGS ON THAT
8 AFFECT EVERY SINGLE DISTRICT THAT WE HAVE. WE NEED TRAINING
9 FOR STAFF IN CRISIS INTERVENTION BECAUSE WE'RE ALL SHARING
10 THESE PROBLEMS REGARDLESS OF AREA CODE. WHAT WE NEED IS A NEW
11 PACKAGE THAT WILL TRANSCRIBE HOUSING, JOBS, TRANSPORTATION AND
12 FOOD. SINCE THE BUDGET IS NOW IN A BETTER PLACEMENT, MAYBE WE
13 CAN FOCUS ON THIS SO ALL STAFF MEMBERS ARE TRAINED AND ABLE TO
14 ADDRESS THESE ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
15 OUR DISTRICTS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY BEING TALKED ABOUT, SPELLED
16 RIGHT AND EVERYTHING ELSE BUT NOTHING'S BEING DONE. THANK YOU
17 RESPECTFULLY ALL OF YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR**: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
20 MA'AM. SIR?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS**: YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
23 WILL RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOU, SIR. YOU ARE A TARGET.
24 YOU'RE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. YOU DON'T LIKE THE NOISE, DON'T
25 LET THE DOOR HIT YOU IN THE BUTT ON THE WAY OUT. BUT YOU ARE A



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1 TARGET. I SHOULD HAVE SAID ASS, BUT I TRIED TO CLEAN MY
2 LANGUAGE UP.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT SPEAKER,
5 MR. ROBINSON, WOULD YOU ESCORT MR. SACHS, PLEASE? THANK YOU,
6 MR. ROBINSON. PLEASE PROCEED. MR. RICHARD, PLEASE? PROCEED.

7

8 **RICHARD ROBINSON :** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, GOD CREATED HIMSELF
9 LEFT ETERNITY, INFINITY IN SPACE, CREATING US. REV-- REVEREND,
10 YOUR HONOR, THE WORD, THE ABSTRACT AND INDEED THE HYPOTHETICAL
11 CONSTRUCT GOD SYMBOLIZES THAT WHICH EXISTS APART FROM THE
12 NATURAL WORLD, THE PHYSICAL WORLD. IT IS SUPERNATURAL. IT IS
13 METAPHYSICAL. NUMBERS 23:19 STATES ,KING JAMES VERSION, GOD IS
14 NOT A MAN. GOD IS NOT SITTING ON A CLOUD, ON A THRONE ON A
15 CLOUD WITH A BOOK IN HIS LAP WRITING DOWN OUR NAMES SO THAT WE
16 CAN GET INTO HEAVEN. SO WHAT AM I SAYING? GOD IS SPIRIT. GOD
17 IS LOVE. GOD IS LIGHT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR?

20

21 **DAVID SERRANO:** REALITY IS: GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST IS THE
22 CREATOR OF EVERYTHING CREATED, AMEN. JESUS CHRIST CREATED
23 HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE. GOD IS ALL POWERFUL, AMEN,
24 HALLELUJAH. YAHWEH. ELAIHENU, AMEN. JUDEO- CHRISTIANITY IS
25 REALITY, AMEN. THE RELIGION OF ISLAM FROM SAUDI ARABIA.



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1 ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC LAW, MUSLIMS WHO ARE THIEVES MUST HAVE
2 THEIR HAND AMPUTATED. FURTHERMORE, IN SAUDI ARABIA THERE IS NO
3 MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST SHARIA LAW TO
4 HAVE A MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE. SAUDI ARABIAN RELIGIOUS
5 LEADERS ARE PROUD THAT THE MUSLIM MUHAMMAD MARRIED AISHA WHEN
6 SHE WAS EITHER SIX OR SEVEN YEARS OF AGE AND THAT THE MUSLIM
7 MUHAMMAD CERTAINLY HAD SEX WITH AISHA WHEN SHE WAS NINE YEARS
8 OF AGE. MUSLIMS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO FOUR WIVES.

9 ACCORDING TO ISLAM, ADULT MUSLIM MEN ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO
10 FOUR WIVES WHO ARE ALL SIX YEARS OLD. THE LAW OF THE MUSLIM
11 MUHAMMAD IS SATAN, THE SERPENT. ALL MUSLIMS DIE AND BURN IN
12 THE FIRE OF HADES. REPENT AND BELIEVE REALITY. JESUS IS GOD
13 AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF
14 GOD AMEN.

15

16 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDTS.ORG.
17 LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO INDULGE IN ANTI-
18 ISLAMIC HATE SPEECH UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT BUT YOU CAN'T
19 SAY ANYTHING ABOUT ZEV. OKAY. I ALREADY JUST SENT MR. KRATTLI
20 A BROWN ACT COMPLAINT BY EMAIL. YOU HAVE 10 DAYS TO ANSWER IT.
21 REMOVE THE SMIRK FROM YOUR FACE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PARDON ME JUST A MOMENT. JUST A
24 SECOND. MR. SERRANO? YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD REPEATEDLY THAT IN
25 ORDER FOR YOU TO AFFIRM YOUR OWN RELIGIOUS TRADITION IS YOUR



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1 PREROGATIVE, BUT IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR YOU TO SPEAK
2 PEJORATIVELY AND CONDEMN OTHER PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.
3 WE'VE SAID THAT TO YOU REPEATEDLY. NO, NO. YOU WERE TALKING
4 ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH GOING TO BURN AND ALL
5 THAT BUSINESS. AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT YOU HAVE CROSSED THE
6 LINE YET AGAIN. MR. WALSH.

7

8 **JOHN WALSH:** IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN INSULT MUHAMMAD, BUT YOU
9 CANNOT INSULT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNLESS THEY BRING IT
10 UP. OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO. HE'S BEEN WARNED BEFORE YOU
13 BROUGHT IT UP. I'LL GIVE YOU THE EXTRA.

14

15 **JOHN WALSH:** THIS IS NOT A CONVERSATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU. YOU
18 NEED TO BE APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACT THAT HE'S BEEN TOLD IN
19 MORE THAN ONE INSTANCE, AS HAVE YOU. BUT YOU'LL GET IT. WE'LL
20 GIVE IT BACK. NOT AN ISSUE.

21

22 **JOHN WALSH:** YOU OWE ME AN EXTRA MINUTE. NOW LET ME TELL YOU
23 100 PERCENT. I WAS ACCUSED AFTER I LEFT OF-- AND YOU HEARD IT
24 AND IT'S ON THE TRANSCRIPT-- OF CRITICIZING MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'
25 FAMILY. YOU FIND THAT ON MY DEAD JEWISH MOTHER'S CONEY ISLAND



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1 GRAVE WHERE I SAID A WORD ABOUT HIS FAMILY. BUT I WAS ATTACKED
2 AND THREATENED. NOW, IF YOU WANT TO SEE WHERE I TALKED ABOUT
3 HIS FAMILY, GO TO HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND GO DOWN THE
4 SECOND ROW AND CLICK THIS ONE. AND YOU WILL SEE WHERE I TALKED
5 ABOUT HIS-- ONE OF HIS TWIN SONS RUNNING FOR OFFICE. BUT YOU
6 HATE ME SO MUCH YOU THREW ME OUT--

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I DON'T.

9

10 **JOHN WALSH:** BECAUSE I SAID SOMETHING ON THE INTERNET.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW BETTER.

13

14 **JOHN WALSH:** NOT FOR ANYTHING I DID. AND YOU BETTER CHECK IT. I
15 JUST WANT TO SAY YOUR FAMILY WAS BROUGHT HERE, KIDNAPPED, AND
16 BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY. YOU OTHER FOUR CAME HERE BECAUSE MY
17 GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND
18 WAS KILLED, SO I AND YOU WOULD HAVE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.
19 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH I
22 THINK THAT'S THE LAST SPEAKER FOR TODAY. MADAME EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICER?

24



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT WAS THE LAST SPEAKER FOR THE
2 DAY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF
7 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON OCTOBER 22, 2013.

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9 **SPEAKER:** LANCASTER?

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SORRY?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PROCEED, PLEASE.

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15 **SPEAKER:** CITY, LANCASTER. I SIGNED UP TO PUBLIC SPEAK.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** EXCUSE ME.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** PROCEED.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I COULD GO AHEAD? OKAY. YEAH, I COME TO THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS TODAY, HOPEFULLY TO SAVE THE COUNTY SOME MONEY.

23 [OFF MIC. COMMENTS]

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. ON ITEM NO. CS-1 AND CS-2,
2 THESE ITEMS WERE BOTH CONTINUED DURING OPEN SESSION AND THEY
3 WERE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 29, 2013. ON ITEM NO. CS-3,
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,
5 THE BOARD AUTHORIZED COUNTY COUNSEL TO FILE AN APPEAL ON
6 MATTERS ENTITLED MOUNTAIN RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
7 AUTHORITY VERSUS CITY OF WHITTIER ET AL, SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN
8 CONSERVANCY VERSUS CITY OF WHITTIER ET AL AND PROP A
9 PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION L.L.C. VERSUS CITY OF WHITTIER ET AL.
10 THE VOTE OF THE BOARD WAS AYES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS, YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH. NOS, SUPERVISOR KNABE. IN
12 ADDITION, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED COUNTY COUNSEL TO TO INITIATE
13 LITIGATION, THE PARTICULARS OF WHICH WILL BE DISCLOSED UPON
14 INQUIRY, ONCE THE LITIGATION IT FORMALLY COMMENCED. THE VOTE
15 OF THE BOARD WAS UNANIMOUS WITH ALL SUPERVISORS BEING PRESENT.
16 ON ITEM NO. CS-4, CS-5, CS-6 AND CS- 7, NO REPORTABLE ACTION
17 WAS TAKEN. ON ITEM NO. CS-8, IN OPEN SESSION, THIS ITEM WAS
18 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO OCTOBER 29, 2013. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JASON ZINC, MR. ZINC,
21 ARE YOU STILL THERE?

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23 **JASON ZINC:** YES, I'M STILL HERE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED, MR.
2 ZINC.

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4 **JASON ZINC:** YES. THANK YOU, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YEAH,
5 I CAME HERE TODAY BECAUSE I THINK I COULD SAVE THE COUNTY SOME
6 MONEY IN DUPLICATION AND MAILING. I HELPED SOME PEOPLE THAT
7 WERE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK IN APRIL AND OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. AND
8 THEY RECEIVED-- AFTER THEY SIGNED UP, THEY RECEIVED LETTERS.
9 AND THERE WERE FIVE LETTERS SENT OUT WITHIN THREE DAYS IN
10 OCTOBER FOR THE MOTHER ON WELFARE AND FIVE LETTERS WITH THE
11 SAME AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK WITH THE SAME THING BASICALLY. EACH
12 LETTER HAD THE SAME THING IN IT, IT'S JUST DUPLICATION FOR THE
13 GENERAL RELIEF PERSON. SO THESE LETTERS COST 40 CENTS IN
14 POSTAGE PLUS THE ENVELOPE PLUS THE PAPER THAT'S PUT IN THEM.
15 SO YOU'RE TALKING A MILLION APPLICATIONS FOR WELFARE EVERY
16 YEAR THROUGH THE L.A. COUNTY. SO IF YOU GUYS COULD SOMEHOW
17 CONSOLIDATE THIS SO THERE ISN'T THESE DUPLICATE LETTERS. FOR
18 EXAMPLE, ONE WAS SENT OUT APRIL 25TH, ANOTHER LETTER APRIL
19 25TH, 27TH, 27TH AND THE 30TH. THE WOMAN, SHE RECEIVED ONE ON
20 OCTOBER 7TH, THE EIGHTH, THE EIGHTH, THE TENTH AND THE TENTH.
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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
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1 **JASON ZINC:** I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE I WOULD BRING THIS TO YOU
2 GUYS' ATTENTION AND SAVE YOU GUYS PROBABLY A COUPLE MILLION
3 DOLLARS A YEAR ON DUPLICATION.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** DULY NOTED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
6 YOUR TESTIMONY. WE APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT. WE SEE NO OTHER
7 ITEMS TO COME BEFORE US AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THEREFORE WE
8 STAND ADJOURNED. (GAVEL.)

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